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To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire County Council.

I have the honour to present the annual report for the year 1963.

It is pleasing to report that in 1963, some of the developments proposed in the County Council's 10 year plan for the development of the health services, are already underway.

The purpose built health clinic proposed in the plan to serve the Cefn Coed area of the County, is now well under construction and should be ready for use in the early months of 1964.

For many years past, your medical, dental and nursing staff have worked under poor conditions in Cefn Coed and when this clinic is completed, it is proposed to extend the health services in this area.

The County Council during the year appointed for the first time a County Speech Therapist and a County Educational Psychologist. I stated in a previous annual report some years ago, that these two appointments should be made, and I more than welcome them to the County.

The Council during the year too, also approved in principle, to flouridate where necessary the water supplies of the County. Whilst it may not be practicable to put this into operation for many years to come, nevertheless the approval of the principle of fluoridation, is a scientifically correct and a wise decision.

There has been an increased demand for chiropody in the County and consequently during the year, I have had to expand the County's chiropody services in some areas, e.g. at Colbren. It is with much regret that I report the death of one of your first Chiropodists, viz. Mr. E. Spencer Jones, M.Ch.S. He had initiated much of the systematic County scheme for chiropody and his services will be much missed by all.

It would appear that in the near future, chiropody may have to be offered to the very young, as well as to the aged, i.e. offered to our school children as an integral part of the school medical services. Members of the Committee will recall the excellent report that the late Mr. Jones presented to their Committee in December, 1963, strongly advocating this view.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The impact of the development plan and the expansion of the Health services in other directions, have thrown additional burdens on the medical, nursing, dental and clerical staff of my department during the year.

Special tribute is due to them all, for shouldering this work so loyally and conscientiously and I take this opportunity of thanking them publicly for their efforts.

I must again record my thanks for the co-operation of colleagues in other departments, and to Members of the Council for all they have done to promote the better health of the people of Breconshire.

I have the honour to be

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen.

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. EVANS,

County Medical Officer.

County Health Department,
Watton Offices, Brecon.
July, 1964.

Constitution of the Committees concerned with matters of Public Health, during the year 1963/64.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN: Ald. Mrs. C. O. WILLIAMS, Plasgwyn, Abercrave

BRECON DISTRICT:

Coun. E. D. Morgan, Pantycorred, Garthbrengy, Brecon.
Coun. H. L. Jones, 49, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

BRYNMAWR DISTRICT:

Ald. J. Pritchard, 4, Clydach Street, Brynmawr. (Deceased 8/3/64).
Coun. T. R. Jones, The Daren, Darenfelen Road, Brynmawr.

BUILTH DISTRICT:

Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl.
Coun. F. Lamacraft, Caergof, Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells.

CRICKHOWELL DISTRICT:

Coun. J. Mills Price, The Post Office, Cwmdu, Crickhowell.
Coun. Brig. G. E. Younghusband, C.B.E., Neuadd, Llanbedr, Crickhowell.

DEVYNOCK DISTRICT:

Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiew, Trecastle.
Coun. David Lewis, M.B.E, Padest, Sennybridge.

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Coun. J. V. Like, Skynlais House, Church Street, Hay-on-Wye.
Coun. D. P. Hopkins, Brynteg, Bronllys, Brecon.

VAYNOR DISTRICT:

Coun. Mrs. M. E. Morgan, 3, The Copse, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.
Coun. P. Lewis, Ashfield House, Cefn Coed.

YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT:

Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.
Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams, Plasgwyn, Abercrave, (chairman).
Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.
Coun. Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Lletty Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.
Coun. F. D. Jones, 38, Station Road, Hirwaun, Nr. Aberdare.
Coun. Anthony Rees, Warwick House Warwick Road, Brynmawr.
Coun. W. J. Morris, Rhyscae, Church Road, Gilwern.

MEMBERS CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

County Ambulance Service Transport Sub-Committee.

Chairman: Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais

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Coun. J. E. Williams (Chairman), Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

MEMBERS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES.

BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.
Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.
Commander A. V. Thomas, O.B.E., R.N., J.P., Tretower House, Crickhowell.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.
Mrs. N. Garnons-Williams, Glan-Clydach. Aber. Talybont-on-Usk.

TRANSPORT OFFICER.
C. H. Smith, Esq., M.B.E., W.H.S.A. Department, Priory House, 4. Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

BUILTH STATION REPRESENTATIVE.
Mrs. Violet Bond, White House, Builth Wells.

YSTRADGYNLAIS AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.
Mr. William Lewis, B.E.M., Maes-y-llan, Station Road, Ystradgynlais (Deceased).

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth (Chairman).

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Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.

Dr. T L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

LADY MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Coun. Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Llety Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

County M.O.H. and Principal School M.O. (Tele. Brecon 2456/7).	R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Deputy C.M.O.H. and School M.O.	J. K. Jones, L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H.
Assistant C.M.O.H. and School M.O.'s	C. M. Evans, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Part Time). M. W. Evans, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., B.Sc. (Part Time).
Assistant C.M.O.H. and S.M.O., and Dist. Medical Officer for Southern Districts	Creighton E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

N.B.— Consultant Medical Staff (Part Time) see page 12.

DENTAL.

Principal Dental Officer:	Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe, L.D.S.
Dental Officer:	Mr. P. J. George, L.D.S.
" "	Vacancy
Dental Attendant.	Miss M. Anthony.
" "	Miss D. Jones.

NURSING.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Miss E. M. Main.
Brecon.
(Tele.—Brecon 2456/7).

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

	Area Covered.
Mrs. S. E. J. Rees, Brynmawr.	Brynmawr Urban.
Miss S. M. Thickens, Cefn Coed.	Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn (Cefncoedycymmer), Nantddu, Hepste Hamlet, Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan, Torpantau, Cross Bychan, Rhigos (Part), Vaynor (Cefncoedycymmer), Vaynor (Gelly and Duffryn), Dolygaer, Cwmtaff, Vaynor (Nantddu), Llanfeigan (Pontsarn), Llandetty (Pontsticill).
Mrs. J. Silk, 9, Victoria Terrace, Crickhowell.	Ffawyddog, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Cwmdu, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangrwyney, Grwynefechan, Tretower, Partrishow, Forest Coalpit (Part), Llanelly (Clydach).
Miss C. Williams, Ystradgynlais	Colbren, Penycae, Abercrave (including Isyrhos and Caerbont Hill up to Caerbont Corner), Right hand side of Brecon Road (going Southwards) as far and including Derwen Road, Lluest, Bryn Road, Lluest Fach, Minyrhos and Dolfaen. Penwyllt. Seven Sisters and Glyntawe.

Health Visitors and School Nurses (Continued).—

	Area Covered.
Mrs. E. G. Thomas, Ystradgynlais.	From Caerbont Corner and left of Brecon Road (going Southwards) and all area below the Clinic, including Cwmgiedd, Cwmtawe Road. Ynis Isaf, Ynis Uchaf Cwmtwrch, Gurnos, Cynlais, and Ynis-cedwyn.
Mrs. C. M. Bowen, Hay-on-Wye.	Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural, Llanigon, Tregoyd and Velindre, Pipton. Aberllynfi, Llanfillo, Talgarth, Bronllys and Llanelieu.
Miss E. G. Jones, (Tele.—Llanwrtyd 276).	Llanwrtyd, Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Llandewi-Abergwesyn, Penbuallt, Treflis, Llangammarch, Gwarafog, Llanfihangel-Abergwesyn, Llanlleonfel, Llanfanafawr, Llanafanfechan.
Mrs. M. A. Francis, Brecon (Resigned).	Brecon Urban (excluding Llanfaes, Dering Lines and Dorlangoch).
Mrs. E. Bennett	St. David's Within, St. David's Without, Aberyscir, Cantref, Maescar (Defynnog), Llanspyddid, Penpont, Modrydd, Glyn, Sennybridge, Llanfihangel - Nantbran. Cray, Llandilorfan, Trianglas, Trian-mawr, Trallong, Senny, Ysclydach.
Miss M. L. Evans, 28, Penpentre, Talybont-on-Usk. (Tele.—Talybont-on-Usk 265).	Talybont, Llanfrynach, Aber, Pencelly, Cross Oak, Llanfeigan, Cantref (Part), Llandetty, Llangynidr, Duffryn Crawnon. Aberyscir, Battle, Castlemadoc, Cradoc, Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelog, Pontfaen, Fennyfach, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Garthbrengy, Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Llanfihangel Cwmdu, Llangasty, Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llan-Talyllyn, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llech-faen, Scethrog, Llansantffraed, Pennorth, Groesffordd.

District Nurses/Midwives/Health Visitors.

Mrs. F. M. Bound, Fir Tree Cottage, Talgarth. (Tele.—Talgarth 66).	Talgarth, Bronllys, Pengenffordd, Ponty-bat, Llanfillo, Llandefalle, Colebrook. Trefecca, Trefeinon, Llanelieu.
Mrs. G. Jones, Glanavon, Castle St., Builth Wells. (Tele.—Builth Wells 2165).	Builth Wells, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llan-ganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Rhosferig, Alltmawr, Cilmery.
Mrs. I. M. Williams, 42, Lansbury Road, Brynmawr. (Tele.—Brynmawr 367).	**General Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting:** Darenfelen, Llanelly Hill. **General Nursing and Midwifery:** Bryn-mawr (West).
Mrs. A. Messer, Applegarth, Erwood, Builth Wells. (Tele.—Erwood 214).	Llyswen, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, Erwood Llaneglwys.

District Nurses/Midwives.	Area Covered.
Mrs. C. Thomas (Resigned), Henfron, Llanwrtyd Wells.	Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llandewi-Abergwessin, Penbuallt, Treflis, Llangammarch Gwarafog, Garth, Llwynmadoc, Llanafanfawr, Llanlleonfel, Llanfihangel-Abergwessin, Beulah, Llanafanfechan.
Mrs. J. M. Lode, Bronllynfi, Glasbury (Tel. Glasbury 242).	Llanigon, Glasbury, Velindre, Three Cocks, Pipton, Tregoyd, Pontithel, Hay Rural (Part), Aberllynfi.
Miss E. T. Thomas, 18, Plasderwen, Llangattock, Crickhowell. (Tel. Crickhowell 83).	Llangattock, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Cwmdu (Part), Tretower, Grwynefechan, Partrishow, Llangrwyney, Forest Coalpit (Part). Crickhowell.
Mrs. M. Sier, 2, Crabtree Walk, Trefechan, Cefn Coed, Nr. Merthyr Tydfil. (Tele.—Merthyr Tydfil 852).	Cefn Coed, Gelly, Pontsticill, Dolygaer, Pontsarn.
Miss G. James, 62, Orchard Street, Llanfaes. (Tel. Brecon 849).	Brecon Urban (St. John), Battle, Llandefaelog, Merthyr Cynog, Pontfaen, Llanfihangel - Fechan, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Llanddew, Fennyfach,
Miss E. P. Stoddart, 1, Elm Grove, Hirwaun. (Tele.—Hirwaun 291).	Hirwaun (Breconshire Part), Penderyn, Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan.
Miss A. E. Williams. Tyclyd, Sennybridge (Tele.—Sennybridge 347).	Sennybridge, Defynnog, Pentrefelin, Cray, Llanfihangel - Nant - Bran, Llandilofane Traianglas, Traianmawr, Ciliene, Trecastle, Ysclydach, Aberpedwar, Trallong, Aberbran, Senny.
Mrs. Dulcie Lewis, 18, Brynawelon, Colbren. (Tele.—Seven Sisters 292).	Colbren, Penwyllt, Onllwyn, Seven Sisters (Part), Abercrave, Penycae, Caehopkin, Glyntawe.
Mrs. M. E. Jackson, 22, Maes-y-felin, Llangorse, Brecon. (Tele.—Llangorse 281).	Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Cwmdu, Llangorse, Llanfihangel - Talyllyn, Llangasty-Talyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog Llanhamlach, Llansantfraed, Pennorth, Llangynidr.
Mrs. S. Marsh, 9, Lynden, Gurnos, Lower Cwmtwrch. (Tele.—Glantawe 2265).	Ystradgynlais and Cwmtwrch.
Mrs. I. M. Jenkins, 12, Bank Crescent, Gilwern. (Tele. Gilwern 242).	Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen).

District Nurses/Midwives (Continued).—	Area Covered.
Vacancy.	Brecon (St. David's Within), Brecon (St. David's Without), Aberyscir, Cantref, Maescar, Llanspyddid, Penpont, Modrydd, Glyn, Felinfach.
Mrs. R. E. Panas, 5, Y Scethrog, Nr. Brecon. (Tel. Talybont 282).	Brecon (St. Mary), Llanfrynach, Llanfigan and Llandetty.
District Midwives.	
Mrs. J. Price, Glanrhyd Farm, Glanrhyd, Ystradgynlais. (Tele.—Glantawe 3167).	Cwmtwrch, Ystradgynlais.
Mrs. I. E. Chilton, Colindale Bungalow, Brynmawr (Tele.—Brynmawr 330)	Brynmawr (East).
District Nurses.	
Nurse S. E. H. Paige, 30, Heolmeurig, Lower Cwmtwrch. (Tele.—Glantawe 3294).	Ystradgynlais.
Nurse C. Hughes, 63, Garn Road, Nantyglo, Mon. (Tele.—Brynmawr 296).	Brynmawr Urban.
Nurse C. J. Lewis (Resigned) Hafod, Glanley Tce., Ystradgynlais.	Ystradgynlais.
Relief Nurses/Midwives.	
Miss M. M. Jones, 22, High Street, Builth Wells. (Tele.—Builth Wells 3121).	Relief Nurse.
Mrs E. Powell, Bryngias, Brecon Road, Abercrave. (Tele.—Abercrave 252).	Relief Nurse, South Western Area: Ystradgynlais, etc.
B. Muscroft-Taylor (Resigned) 2, Ffynnon Dewi, Brecon. (Tele. Brecon 405).	Relief Nurse, Brecon
Mrs. M. D. Jones, 5, John Street, Hirwaun. (Tel. Hirwaun 279).	Relief Nurse, Southern: Cefn, Vaynor and Hirwaun.

ORTHOPAEDIC.

Orthopaedic Nurse. Mrs. N. G. Neat.

SPEECH THERAPIST. Miss G. A. Samuel, L.C.S.T.

DOMESTIC HELP.

Supervisor Mrs. F. J McLean (nee Thorogood).

CHIROPODY.

Chiropodists (Part-time)	Mrs. M. A. Llewellyn, 36, Gough Road, Ystalyfera, Glam., M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical Auxiliary).
	Mr. E H. Spencer Jones, 336, Chepstow Road, Newport, M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical Auxiliary) (Deceased).
	Mr. T. J. Smith, Parame, Llangynidr, Nr. Crickhowell, M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical Auxiliary)

MENTAL WELFARE.

Psychiatric Social Worker.	Miss Gwen Morgan (Part Time) (Border Hospital Management Committee).
Mental Welfare Officers	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, The Watton, Brecon (Tele. Brecon 240).
	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey St., Brynmawr (Tele. Brynmawr 254).
	Mr. W. B. Hargest, c/o Mason's Arms Talgarth (Tele. Talgarth 50).
	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed, Nr. Merthyr Tydfil (Tele. Merthyr Tydfil 386).
	Mr. Wm. T. Davies, Peglers Buildings, Ystradgynlais (Tele. Glantawe 3104)
	Mr. R. I. Jones, Y Nyth, Llanfihangel-Talyllyn, Nr. Brecon. (Tele. Llangorse 287).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL

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	Mr. T. Jones
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	Mrs. Margaret Powell
	Marilyn Williams (Commenced 18/6/63)
	Mr. L. R. Price.
	Mr. B. Pritchard (Resigned 13/6/63)
	Mr. R. H. D Jackson (Commenced 22/7/63)
	Miss E. G. Jones
	Miss A. S. Winstone (Resigned 20/9/63)
	Miss Ann Morrison (Commenced 1/10/63)
Welfare Foods Clerk.	Mr. D W. Foster.

CONSULTANT STAFF OF THE WELSH HOSPITAL BOARD WHO PROVIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Psychiatry.	G. Diggle, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. (Edin.) D.P.M.
	Michael Craft, M.D., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M.
	J. McDonald, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M
Geriatic.	F. L. Willington, M.B., B.Ch., M.D.

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban; and Rural: Builth Urban; and Rural: Hay Urban; and Rural: Llanwrtyd Wells Urban:	Dr. T. C. R. George, Guild Hall, Brecon (Tel.: Brecon 884).
Brynmawr Urban: Crickhowell Rural: Vaynor and Penderyn Rural: Ystradgynlais Rural:	Dr. Creighton E. Edwards, (Tel. Brecon 167).

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban: (Tele.—Brecon 2126).	Mr. S. Jinks, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Municipal Offices, Steeple Lane, Brecon.
Brynmawr Urban: (Tele.—Brynmawr 568).	Mr. D. A. Jones, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., A.I.Hsg., Council Offices, Brynmawr.
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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Square miles)	...	733
Area (Acres)	...	469,285
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
,, (1939 Census)	...	54,357
,, (1951 Census)	...	56,508
,, (1961 Census)	...	55,544
,, estimated to Middle of 1963	...	54,390
Rateable Value (1st April, 1963)	...	£1,226,245
Sum represented by 1d. rate, 1963/64	...	£4,848

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births	...	906
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	...	16.65
Illegitimate Live Births (percentage of total Live Births)	...	4.30
Stillbirths	...	21
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	22.65
Total Live and Stillbirths	...	927
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	...	21
Infant Mortality Rates.—		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	23.17
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	24.21
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	Nil
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)	...	13.24
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	11.03
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	33.44
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births	...	Nil

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Section 21.—Health Centres: No action has been taken regarding the provision of Health Centres, nor is any action contemplated.

Section 22. — Care of Mothers and Young Children: This Section covers the following activities: — (a) Ante-natal clinics, (b) Post-natal clinics, (c) Child welfare clinics, (d) Day nurseries and residential nurseries, (e) Mother and baby homes, (f) Dental treatment given to expectant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years of age, (g) care of premature infants,

(h) Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and Maternal Deaths, etc., and replaces the old heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Information and figures relating to the various sections are given below:—

Care of Premature Infants, i.e., babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at birth irrespective of period of gestation:—

Special equipment for the domiciliary nursing of premature infants is held at the offices of the local health authority.

If found necessary to admit such infants to hospitals, the local hospital authority would be approached by the nurse or mid-wife and the greatest possible assistance is always given in arranging accommodation.

During 1963 the number of notifications of premature births in the County after correction, was as follows—

(1) **Premature Live Births.**

(a)	Total Number of Premature Live Births in the Area	57
(b)	Number of Premature Live Births at Home ...	11
*(c)	Number of Premature Live Births in Private Nursing Homes ...	—
(d)	Number of Premature Live Births in Hospital ...	46

(2) **Premature Still Births.**

(a)	Total Number of Premature Still Births in the Area	17
(b)	Number of Premature Still Births at Home ...	1
*(c)	Number of Premature Still Births in Private Nursing Homes ...	—
(d)	Number of Still Births in Hospitals ...	16

*Including Maternity Homes not in the National Health Services and Mother and Baby Homes where the women are confined in the Homes.

During the year all cases of premature births have again been followed up, including those delivered in hospitals, which has necessitated the interchange of records between Local Health Authorities. The co-operation of the hospitals has been freely given and the information required is readily provided by them.

Table VIII appended to this report shows the weight of the infants at birth and the number of infants who survived 28 days.

Complicated Maternity Cases.

The investigation of cases for hospital confinements is undertaken by the department. Such cases are brought to the notice of the authority in four ways:— (1) the general practitioner, (2) the Clinic Medical Officer, (3) the midwife, or (4) the patient herself.

In each individual case, a report is then obtained on the housing conditions (or other social defects) and consideration is given to the question of whether hospital accommodation is required. Where the request for a hospital confinement is based solely on lack of assistance, this is in some cases overcome by the provision of domestic help, though the extent to which this help can be given depends on the domestic helps available and the accessibility of the home. Having decided that the case requires accommodation in hospital, a request is then made to the most convenient hospital to book for accommodation.

Three hospitals in Breconshire admit maternity cases:—

Brecon War Memorial Hospital ...	6 beds
Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital ...	7 beds
Builth Cottage Hospital ...	3 beds

In addition, accommodation is provided for Breconshire cases at the following hospitals outside the county borders:—

Hereford County Hospital
Blaina and District Hospital
St. James Hospital, Tredegar
Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, Merthyr Tydfil
St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil
Neath General Hospital
Abergavenny Cottage Hospital (occasionally)
Llandrindod County Hospital (occasionally)
Aberdare General Hospital
Amman Valley Hospital
Morriston Hospital
Griffithstown Hospital
Rookery, Ebbw Vale.

It will be noted from the following figures that the admisssions to hospitals for confinements show over 4% increase during the year 1963 as a percentage of births taken in hospitals The percentage of births taken in hospitals was 80.87% for the year 1963.

The figures for the past years are as follows:—

	Total Births in County	No. of Births in Hospital	Percentage of Births in Hospital
1954 ...	829	513	61.8%
1955 ...	876	570	65.1%
1956 ...	843	544	64.5%
1957 ...	843	573	67.9%
1958 ...	832	585	70.3%
1959 ...	857	617	71.9%
1960 ...	831	631	75.9%
1961 ...	831	620	74.6%
1962 ...	849	648	76.3%
1963 ...	912	737	80.8%

The following cases were admitted to hospital at the request of the Health Department on account of bad housing, bad home conditions, or for medical reasons.

Neath General, 4; St. Tydfil's (Merthyr Tydfil), 4; Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, 3; Amman Valley, 21; Morriston Hospital, 9; Lady Aberdare Maternity Home, 2; Mount Pleasant Hospital, 1; Hereford County, 1.

Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Centres are held throughout the County at the following places and at the times shown:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Clinic, Watton Offices ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Doctors' Session). 3rd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Nurses' Session).
4 Builth Wells—Clinic, Park Road..	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ..	2nd and 4th Mondays in month at 2 p.m.
6 Colbren—Church Hall ..	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Crickhowell—Market Hall Clinic..	4th Thursday in month a.m. and p.m.
8 Cwmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall	2nd and 4th Thursdays in month at 2 p.m.
9 Devynnog—Market Hall, Sennybridge ..	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
10 Gilwern—Church Hall ..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays in month at 2 p.m.
11 Hay—Clinic, Oxford Road ..	2nd Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
12 Hirwaun—Bethel Church Vestry..	Wednesday fortnightly.
13 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Memorial Institute ..	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
14 Talgarth—Town Hall ..	4th Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Ystradgynlais—School Clinic .	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Tirabad—Clinic ..	4th Friday in month at 2 p.m.
17 Llangammarch Wells — Church Institute ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
18 Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Crickhowell ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.

When necessary, cases are referred to their own doctors or to Hospital for treatment or consultation.

The clinic held fortnightly at the Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun, is organised by the Glamorgan County Council, and mothers from the Vaynor and Penderyn district of Breconshire are catered for by arrangement with Glamorgan. Breconshire pays a proportionate cost of this clinic based on the population of the area covered and a Breconshire Health Visitor attends regularly.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Facilities for ante-natal examinations are provided by the local health authority at the following centres where a Medical Officer is in attendance. These clinics are held at the times and places stated:—

1. Abercrave: 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. Brynmawr: 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Ystradgynlais: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
4. Brecon: 3rd Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
5. Hirwaun: Bethel Church Vestry, fortnightly, Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m.
6. Builth: 2nd Monday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

These clinics are held in:— One Welfare Hall and one Church Vestry, which are hired premises, and four permanent clinic premises which are owned by the Education Authority and/or the Local Health Authority.

The clinic at Hirwaun is held fortnightly by the Glamorgan County Council and persons from the Hirwaun and Penderyn portion of Breconshire attend under a joint arrangement between the two authorities.

As a result of discussions between the Local Health Authority and the Local Medical Committee, reports are sent to the General Practitioners in respect of their patients in attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

Clinic Premises.

At the end of the year a new purpose built Clinic was being erected at Cefn Coed, to replace the totally inadequate and unsatisfactory facilities at Ysgol-y-Graig (Primary School).

Plans were also being prepared for new Clinics at Abercrave, Brecon and Talgarth. Provision has also been made for additional Clinics to replace rented premises.

Post-Natal Clinics.

There are no specially held post-natal clinics—all patients attend the ante-natal sessions.

Specialist Clinics.

There are no specialist clinics held under the auspices of the local health authority.

Assistance given at Clinics in General Practitioners' own Premises.

Assistance at one General Medical Practitioner's Surgery is now given by a midwife in the Sennybridge area. This arrange-

ment was reached after the closure of the Council's Ante-Natal Clinic in Sennybridge (Defynnog) some years ago.

Blood Testing.

Arrangements are made for collecting blood specimens at the clinics and these are sent to the National Blood Transfusion Laboratory at Cardiff, and elsewhere.

The findings are in all cases reported to the patients' General Medical Practitioners.

A special session is held at the Ystradgynlais Clinic on the 4th Tuesday of each month, for collecting blood specimens.

Liaison Committee.

Liaison Committees which were originally set up in 1960, by the Executive Council and the Local Health Authority, still meet from time to time. These are, however, in the main, being supplemented by the Liaison Committees set up by the Hospital Authorities, at which the General Practitioners, Local Authority's Staff, and Staff of Hospitals, are all represented. Such Liaison Committees are held by the Glantawe Hospital Management Committee and the Breconshire and Radnorshire Hospital Management Committee. In the latter the venue of the meeting is changed each time a meeting is held.

During the year we saw the introduction of a Personal Maternity Record Card, by the Welsh Board of Health. A somewhat similar card, which I introduced into Breconshire in 1960, was therefore discontinued and replaced by the new record card.

This Personal Maternity Record Card will, I am sure prove as useful to the General Medical Practitioners, the Hospital Medical and Nursing Staffs and the Domiciliary Midwives, as did the original Breconshire Record Card.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District—

Arrangements are made with the Swansea and Brecon Moral Welfare Association to carry out this work in return for grant paid, the Health Authority being responsible for the maintenance of the mother for approximately one month before the confinement and for a period of 14 days after birth. Maintenance after this date becomes the responsibility of the Welfare Committee. A grant of £100 p.a. is also given to the Association.

During the year arrangements were made for the accommodation of one mother at the Church Home, Llandaff, Cardiff; two mothers at St. Martin's Home, Hereford; and two mothers at the Northlands Salvation Army Home, Cardiff.

Family Planning Clinics.

The Family Planning Association continued to hold Family Planning Clinics at two of the Breconshire County Council Clinics.

These Clinics are staffed by voluntary workers and patients can be referred direct to the appropriate clinic. Prior appointments need not be made.

The Breconshire County Council has granted the use of both these clinic premises free of charge for the purpose of holding the "Family Planning Clinics" and the County Council also gives a grant towards the funds of the Breconshire Branch of the Family Planning Association.

The clinics are held as follows:—

Brecon: The Clinic, Watton Offices, Brecon.
1st and 3rd Fridays in each month from 5.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Builth Wells: The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells.
2nd and 4th Mondays in each month, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mothercraft Training.

No special clinics are held for this purpose since all advice is given by the health visitors in the course of their rounds.

Maternity Outfits.

Maternity outfits are distributed free of charge to expectant mothers by the midwives who are booked for the cases. The outfit provided is a standard sterilised pack, supplied by a manufacturer of surgical dressings.

Necessary items required for the lying in, which are not included in the maternity outfit, are provided by the midwife attending the case.

Day Nurseries, Hospitals for Children, and Mother and Baby Homes.

There are none in the County. The Education Committee has one Nursery School at Brynmawr.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Number of cases in 1963 in which

(a) vision was unimpaired	... Nil
(b) vision impaired	... One
(c) vision lost	... Nil
(d) patient died	... Nil
(e) patient still under treatment at end of year	... Nil
(f) patient removed from district	... Nil
(g) classification under above heads cannot be made	... Nil

Maternal Deaths.

There were no deaths of mothers during the year.

Supply of Dried Milk.

The supply of proprietary brands of dried milk is not undertaken at the clinics. The demand for the various brands is so small, stocks would deteriorate before being used. In parts of the County there is a system whereby cheap Cow and Gate or Ostermilk can be bought from local chemist's shops. This scheme is dependent on the readiness of the local chemists to stock the brand of milk. Many chemists consider that the demand is so small that they do not feel it justifies them taking part in any scheme,

This question is, of course, always under review, together with the possibility of providing other medicaments at Clinics.

Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Formal approval was given by the Welsh Board of Health to the Council's Scheme for the distribution of Welfare Foods on the 8th November, 1954, and the scheme continues to function with 6 main Distribution Centres and 23 voluntary distributors from shops and private dwellings.

The main centres are manned by an officer engaged for this purpose and from the following times of distribution it will be seen that his time is fully taken up by these centres, and leaves little opportunity for other work. These main Centres are as follows and open on the days and times stated.

District.	Address of Centre.	Day.	Times.
Builth Wells ..	The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	Monday	10 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Brynmawr ..	The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	Tuesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Ystradgynlais ..	The Clinic, Derwen Road, Ystradgynlais	Wednesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Hay-on-Wye ..	Clinic, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye	Thursday	10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
Crickhowell ..	The Clinic, Market Hall, Crickhowell	Thursday	2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Brecon ..	Health Dept., Watton Offices, Brecon	Friday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

Mr. E. R. Morgan, Pentwyn, Gilwern, continues to give his services free and delivers Welfare Foods to these voluntary distributors from the main centre at Crickhowell. Much useful work is done by Mr. Morgan in assisting the small shopkeepers to check stores and complete their returns. For this service Mr. Morgan is merely re-imbursed for mileage covered in his car.

Delivery of Welfare Foods is made to Llanwrtyd Wells on Monday afternoons, as necessary, by the Welfare Foods Officer from Builth Wells. Mrs. Peace, of Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells thereafter distributes the National Dried Milk, etc., to various points in the area such as Tirabad, Beulah and Llangammarch. For undertaking this service she is re-imbursed for mileage similar to Mr. E. R. Morgan, of Gilwern, and paid a small sum for storage.

Again I offer my thanks this year to both these two volunteers, and to all the voluntary distributors who have distributed milk from their homes, shops, or centres provided by the County Council. Their help has permitted us to continue to run this scheme so smoothly.

The distribution of Welfare Foods at Sennybridge is still undertaken on behalf of the Breconshire County Council by volunteers of the St. John's Ambulance Association, from the Market Hall, Sennybridge.

The amount of Welfare Foods distributed is not large and has dropped this year again, however, as stated previously, the nature of the County makes it necessary that some centres issuing small amounts must remain open to provide the necessary service.

The following items were issued during 1963:—

National Dried Milk	...	15,121
Orange Juice	...	6,555
Cod Liver Oil	...	595
Vitamin Tablets 'A' and 'D'	...	450

The following list gives the names and addresses of the volunteers who distributed National Dried Milk, etc., as at 31st December, 1963.

Names and Addresses of persons supplying Welfare Foods.		Times when available to patients.
Miss M. Davies, National School House, Trecastle	..	When at home.
St. Johns' Members, Market Hall, Sennybridge	..	Wednesday. 10 a.m. to 12 noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Mr. W. Jones, Beacon Stores, Brynmawr	..	Shop hours.
Mr. G. Watkins, Holland Stores, 221, King Street, Brynmawr	..	Shop hours.
Mrs. A. M. Davies, 75, Yniswen, Penycae	..	Daily — No time specified.
M. Powell, Post Office, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais	..	Daily — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mrs. B. Lewis, 50, Brynawelon, Colbren		Daily — No time specified.

Names and Addresses of persons supplying Welfare Foods.	Times when available to patients.
Mr. D. Watkins, Talybont-on-Usk ..	Shop hours.
Mr. E. Williams, Lydenburg Stores, Talybont ..	Shop hours.
Mrs. S. Pope, General Stores, Bwlch..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. P. Williams, Summersfield, Llangynidr ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. C. Hamer, Cwmdu ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. P. Morris, Main Road, Gilwern..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mr. J. Williams, Chapel House, Clydach	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. J. Eynon, Llewellyn Row, Llanelly Hill ..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. Peace, Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells	When at home.
Mr. A .Price, Grocer, Heolydwr, Hay-on-Wye ..	Shop hours.
Evans Stores, Talgarth ..	Shop hours.
Mrs. Jeffs, 3, Groveside, Glasbury ..	When at home (O.J. and C.L.O. only).
Mrs. M. Price, Post Office, Llanfillo ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. L. J. Davies, Cartrefle, Llan-Talyllyn ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. Richards, Lamb Inn, Penderyn ..	When at home
Mrs. James, 98, High Street, Cefn Coed	Shop hours.

Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, 1963—

Dental treatment is provided for expectant and nursing mothers and young children under 5 years by the School Dental Officers at the following clinics:—

Brecon, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Cefn Coed, Crickhowell, Hay-on-Wye, Tirabad, and Ystradgynlais.

56 mothers were examined and 51 commenced treatment during the year. 25 courses of treatment were completed during the year.

47 children aged under 5 years and not eligible for treatment under the School Dental Service were inspected and 29 commenced treatment. 14 courses of treatment were completed.

It is encouraging to note that a number of mothers, who received treatment whilst nursing their first babies, continued to avail themselves of the service on the arrival of a second and third child.

In addition to the detailed figures shown in Table VII one denture was repaired.

Section 23 — Midwifery Services.

Under the provisions of Section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the local health authority fulfilled its obligations by covering its area with a sufficient number of

qualified midwives to meet the needs thereof. The Authority had in its employ on the 31st December, 1963, 1 whole-time and 23 part-time midwives, giving an equivalent whole-time staff of 8 midwives available to attend upon women being confined in their own homes. In addition to these there were 15 hospital midwives practising in the County on the 31st December, 1963. There were no private midwives practising in Breconshire.

One Superintendent Nursing Officer is employed who is also the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives. Periodic inspections are made to the midwives employed by the local health authority, and supervision of Hospital Midwives is also carried out.

The midwifery work is mainly undertaken by District Nurse/Midwives and in 4 instances by District Nurse/Midwives/Health Visitors. At present there are insufficient night calls to warrant a night rota system. In some areas, i.e., Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Cefn Coed, Brecon and Builth Wells, there are whole time relief District Nurse/Midwives. Other areas are relieved by District Nurse/Midwives in adjoining areas.

Tables dealing with midwifery, notification of births, etc., are given below:—

Supervision of Midwives—

Fifty-one Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County, viz., 48 resident and 3 border midwives.

Of the above—

27 were resident in Institutions.

3 Radnorshire midwives functioning in Breconshire, by arrangement between the Authorities.

21 were employed by the Breconshire County Council.

Ante-Natal Supervision by Midwives—

Domiciliary midwives undertake ante-natal supervision of their patients. This supervision is backed by a comprehensive service provided by the general practitioners, the local health authority at their ante-natal clinics, and the Hospital Service.

The domiciliary midwives work in close co-operation with the local general practitioners undertaking maternity medical services. They attend with their patients whenever required to do so, at the doctors' surgeries. Doctors are notified of births by the Public Health Department within a week of the notification of birth being received. This has been arranged at the instigation of the Local Medical Committee.

Notifications from Midwives during 1963 —

202 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received:—184 for mothers and 18 for children.

An analysis of the causes for summoning medical aid is given below:—

For the Mother:—

Ruptured Perineum	...	70
Miscarriage, Abortion, actual or threatened		3
Prolonged, obstructed or labour intertia	...	40
Malpresentation or Malposition	...	7
Retained or adherent placenta or membranes		4
Premature labour	...	6
Albuminaria	...	2
Early rupture of membranes	...	2
Raised temperature	...	2
Grand Multipara	...	1
Twin pregnancy	...	2
Failing of Foetal Heart	...	4
Oedema of feet and ankles	...	3
Persistent vomiting	...	1
Raised blood pressure	...	2
Offensive lochia	...	1
Severe varicose veins, left leg and femur	...	1
Unsatisfactory condition of patient	...	2
Toxaemia	...	1
Haemorrhage, ante or post partum	...	13
Precipitate labour, B.B.A.	...	2
Excessive lochia	...	1
Severe pain in right leg	...	1
Episiotomy	...	5
Breech presentation	...	3
Suturing of episiotomy	...	1
Foetal distress	...	4

For the Child:—

Shocked baby	...	1
?Pyloric Stenosis ?Mucous Gastritis	...	1
Blue Asphyxia	...	2
White Asphyxia	...	1
Asphyxia Pallida	...	1
Prematurity	...	1
Epistaxis	...	1
Cyanosis	...	2
Jaundice	...	2
Neonatal Hypothermia	...	1
Blood stained vomit	...	1
Discharging eyes	...	1
Grunting respirations	...	1
Shrill cry, colour poor	...	1
Vomiting, Convulsion	...	1

In some cases, one Medical Aid Form was used for several different causes.

Fess of Doctors called in under Midwives Act, 1918—Section 14 and N.H.S. (Amendment) Act, 1949, Section 29 (2).

No. of cases in which General Practitioners claimed payment in respect of Medical Aid Forms	1
Total Amount of Claims paid ...	£2 12 6

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.

No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

Administration of Analgesics.

24 Midwives employed by the local health authority are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia to patients under their care. The authority has supplied apparatus to all these midwives.

1. Number of midwives in practice in the area, including private and hospital nurses qualified to administer analgesics, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Board:—

(a) Domiciliary ...	24
(b) In Institutions ...	13
Total ...	37

2. Number of cases in which analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year—

(a) Gas and Air ...	136
(b) Trilene ...	—

3. Number of midwives trained in the year ... —
4. Total number of sets of Minnitts Gas and Air Apparatus supplied by the Council ... 24
5. Number of cases in which Pethilorfan was administered by Midwives in Domiciliary practice during the year ... 17

Refresher Courses for Midwives.

There are no facilities for holding refresher courses for midwives within the County.

During the year, one midwife attended a practical refresher course at Cardiff, before coming on to the Midwifery Staff.

Two district nurse/midwives also attended a course on Parent Craft, Group Teaching and Relaxation at Longbridge, Preston.

All midwives employed by the Authority comply with the "Midwives Rules Approval Instrument No. 1955," having attended refresher courses within the prescribed time limits

Training of Pupil Midwives.

No facilities exist for the actual training of pupil midwives within the County.

Notification of Births.

The following notifications of births were received during the year:—Live Births, 630; Still Births, 5; making a total of 635

These births were attended by:—

District Nurse Midwives: County ...	174
Hospital Midwife attending domiciliary case ...	1
Hospital and Institutional Midwives ...	460

Number of Births notified in the Authority's Area during 1963 under Section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—

(a) Live Births, 890; (b) Still Births, 22; (c) Total, 912.

Section 24—Health Visiting.

The health visiting staff consists of 1 Superintendent Nursing Officer and 15 part-time health visitors, who also act as school nurses and/or district nurses, 4 of these nurses perform duties of Health Visitors under dispensation by the Minister of Health.

The Health Visitors visit monthly, children under one year of age and thereafter at three-monthly intervals those between one and five years, although the two year olds are visited more frequently.

In addition to health visiting of expectant mothers and nursing mothers of young children, the health visiting staff works in close co-operation with the hospitals. When notices of discharges are received from the hospitals these are forwarded to the appropriate health visitors for the area, giving the diagnosis. treatment and recommendation as to further treatment. In some instances the health visitor, being also the district nurse, undertakes any practical nursing required.

The County Council offers allowances of 75% of the minimum salary of Health Visitor, for the duration of the course to suitably qualified persons who are prepared to train for the Health Visitor's Certificate, plus the usual allowance made by the Breconshire County Council in respect of uniform and laundry, as well as reasonable travelling expenses, tuition and examination fees incurred in pursuing the training course approved by the County Council.

Training of Health Visitors is now subject to financial pooling arrangements, somewhat similar to Midwives Training. The expenditure of the Authority will be adjusted by a further claim against them, or by re-imbursement of excess expenditure.

There are no facilities for the training of student health visitors within the County.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VI appended.

During the year four Health Visitors attended a two-day course held at Leicester on Screening Tests of the Hearing of children, aged from 7 months to 5 years of age.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Ante Natal.

Classes continue to be held at the gymnasium in the Brecon War Memorial Hospital, where they were first introduced by arrangement with the Hospital Management Committee.

The service has since been extended and Classes are now held throughout the County at the following Clinics:—

Brecon (Hospital)	Every Monday p.m.
Crickhowell Clinic	,, Tuesday p.m.
Ystradgynlais Clinic	,, Tuesday p.m.
Builth Wells Clinic	,, Thursday p.m.
Brynmawr Clinic	,, Thursday p.m.
Hay-on-Wye Clinic	,, Friday p.m.

Individual teaching is still being given by the Health Visitors at Infant Welfare Clinics.

Lung Cancer.

Health Education in relation to Lung Cancer is still mainly directed to the teenagers in schools. Posters, are freely displayed at all County Council Clinics and other premises, drawing the attention of members of the public to the dangers of smoking.

Visits were made to all Secondary Schools in the County, when the pupils were lectured on the hazards of smoking. It is hoped that these lectures to, and discussions with, the senior pupils can be undertaken by members of the Health Department staff annually.

During the year posters were distributed to County District Councils, and a film "Smoking and You" was purchased by the Authority in the year for showing to Youth Clubs, etc.

As in previous years the Medical and Nursing Staffs are constantly stressing the wisdom of not smoking.

Section 25 — Home Nursing.

A whole-time nursing service is provided by the local health authority. The staff consists of 3 whole-time and 24 part-time nurses, giving an equivalent of 12.7 full-time nurses. The nurses in the various districts co-operate to the fullest extent, and work in conjunction, with the general practitioners. The supervision of the nursing in the home is exercised by the Superintendent Nursing Officer. Liaison with the hospital and domiciliary nursing services does not generally exist in a direct nature. In the small hospitals within the County, the doctors at the hospitals are normally the general practitioners who are already in close contact with the district nurses. In the case of the large base hospitals situated outside the county, the patient's doctor is aware of the requirements of discharged cases and he requests what attention is necessary. Also, as in the case of health visitors, hospitals contact the department when they require domiciliary nursing of any case being discharged.

Classification and Proportion of Main Types of Cases attended by Home Nurses.

During the year, 1,902 patients were nursed in the homes and 43,658 visits were made.

These cases were classified as follows:—

		Patients	Visits.
Medical	...	1,491	36,958
Surgical	...	301	5,162
Infectious Diseases	...	4	18
Tuberculosis	...	14	744
Maternal Complications		8	43
Others	...	84	733

Further analysis of the above figures shows that 782 patients were over 65 years of age, and 129 were under 5 years.

The average number of visits per case for all patients works out at 22.8 visits each.

Section 26 — Vaccination and Immunisation.

Under the provision of Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, arrangements are made for Smallpox vaccination and immunisation against diphtheria to be carried out by the general practitioners and at clinics by the local health authority's Medical Officers.

Health Visitors in their visits to the homes encourage the parents to avail themselves of the opportunity of having the children vaccinated against Smallpox.

Health Visitors also encourage the mothers to bring their children to the clinics for immunisation against diphtheria or take them to the general practitioner.

The following figures supplied by the Welsh Board of Health for children born in 1962, show the percentage vaccinated against whooping cough. poliomyelitis and diphtheria, as at 31st December, 1963 :

Percentages Vaccinated:—

	Children born in 1962		
	Diptheria	Whooping Cough	Poliomyelitis
Brecon	62%	62%	49%
Wales	62%	59%	48%
England and Wales	65%	64%	53%

The following tables show the work carried out in the County during 1963.

(a) Vaccination—

Vaccination can be carried out by the family doctors at their surgeries at the request of the parents, and is also undertaken by the County Council Medical Staff. Practitioners who have expressed a wish to undertake this work are supplied with lymph free of charge on request to the appropriate Public Health Laboratory, and record cards are supplied from the Health Department on which to enter the necessary particulars, these cards being returned to the County Medical Officer for statistical purposes and for payment to the General Practitioner.

Vaccination is free of charge to the patient.

Figures of persons vaccinated each year from 1948 to 1963 are given below:—

Year.	Primary Vaccination.	Re-Vaccination.
1948	89	17
1949	112	16
1950	141	25
1951	215	69
1952	170	36
1953	191	30
1954	252	44
1955	160	40
1956	270	64
1957	252	40
1958	250	78
1959	343	86
1960	419	49
1961	333	85
1962	12,570	8,883
1963	152	81

Figures for persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in 1963:

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	48	22	9	22	55	152
Number Re-Vaccinated	—	—	2	17	62	81

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation—

Diphtheria Immunisation work is being carried out quite satisfactorily at the various Infant Welfare Centres, on school premises and clinics, and from the figures obtainable to the end of the year, there is no doubt that the scheme continues to work most efficiently. In addition, children are immunised by private practitioners at their surgeries, and record cards are provided by the Health Department. Completed records are returned for statistical purposes.

Number of children immunised during the year 1963 by Officers of the Council and by General Practitioners.

District	Primary Immunisation			Re-inforcing Doses
	Under 5	5—14	Totals	
Brecon Urban ...	94	—	94	321
Brynmawr Urban ...	57	4	61	139
Builth Urban ...	31	21	52	62
Hay Urban ...	24	5	29	67
Llanwrtyd Urban ...	8	1	9	3
Brecon Rural ...	100	3	103	122
Builth Rural ...	36	1	37	46
Crickhowell Rural ...	98	12	110	139
Hay Rural ...	51	—	51	102
Vaynor Rural ...	43	6	49	175
Ystradgynlais Rural ...	133	11	144	363
Totals, 1963 ...	675	64	739	1539
Totals, 1962 ...	484	139	623	1444

(c) Immunisation against Whooping Cough.

The immunisation against Whooping Cough, like other injections, can be given at the County Council Clinics and Schools or by the general medical practitioners at their own surgeries or in the homes.

The Council's Scheme for Vaccination and Immunisation Section 26, was extended in 1954 to include the inoculation of children against whooping cough.

Antigen is supplied to General Practitioners for the combined inoculation against Diphtheria-Pertussis, or a Whooping Cough vaccine itself.

(d) Tetanus.

A scheme for inocculation against tetanus was commenced in 1961 and has been in operation for close on three years. The injections are normally combined with injections for Diphtheria and whooping Cough or Diphtheria only. Occasionally anti-tetanus injections are given alone when necessary.

(e) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The scheme for the vaccination of children and adults against poliomyelitis continued to work very smoothly throughout the year.

Sessions for vaccination were held during the day at School Clinics, and also during the evenings for the older persons. Every opportunity has been given to persons to avail themselves of the facilities offered so that they could receive vaccination. Public notices were displayed showing the monthly programmes

arranged throughout the county, and inviting eligible persons to attend at any of the clinics mentioned. Once a person registered for vaccination or had received the first injection they automatically received appointments thereafter at the appropriate times for subsequent injections.

Alternatively patients could be vaccinated by their own doctors.

In April 1961 the Ministry recommended that a fourth injection should be given to school children between the ages of 5 and 12 years and this work continued during 1963.

Visits were made to collieries and factories in Breconshire to vaccinate the personnel.

The issue of oral vaccine (Sabin) was commenced by the Ministry in 1962 and this was brought into use in our clinics, where patients now have the option of either Salk vaccine injections or Sabin oral vaccine which is taken with sugar or syrup. The primary course of oral vaccine consists of three doses given at monthly intervals whereas the primary course of Salk vaccine consists of 2 injections at an interval of three weeks; this is followed at an interval of 7 months by a third re-inforcing injection.

The following information as at the end of 1963 will give some indication of the overall picture of persons vaccinated:—

	By Councils Medical Officers	By G.Ps.	Totals
Number of persons who had been given 2 injections of Salk Vaccine or 3 doses of Oral Vaccine up to the end of 1963 ...	15,917	7,439	23,356
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 3 injections of Salk Vaccine or 2 injections plus 1 Oral Dose, up to the end of 1963 ...	13,978	6,418	20,396
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 4 injections or 3 injections plus 1 Oral Dose, up to the end of 1963 ...	4,955	1,903	6,858

Section 27—Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Services in the County are undertaken by the St. John's Welsh Home Ambulance Service Association who continued to act as sole agents for the County during 1963.

Eight ambulances were used in the service—four provided directly by the Authority and four provided by St. John. All were however, under the direct control of St. John's for operational purposes. The day to day administration was the responsibility of the County Medical Officer on behalf of the Local Health Authority. The ambulance arrangements remain as follows:— St. John Ambulance Stations are established at Brecon, Builth Crickhowell, Hay, Brynmawr and Ystradgynlais.

1. Brecon Ambulances.—Two ambulances cover Brecon Borough and the whole of Brecon Rural District.
2. Builth Ambulance covers Builth Urban, Llanwrtyd Urban, and Builth Rural District, with the exception of the parish of Llanwrthwl at the very north of the County. This ambulance will also, by arrangement with Radnorshire, in emergency cases only, continue to cover as heretofore a small area of the County adjoining Builth Urban, viz., the parishes of Llanelwedd, Llansantffraed-in-Elvel, Aberedw, Disserth, Rhulen, Llanbadarn-y-garreg, Llanfaredd and Cregrina, Glascwm and Colva. Radnorshire, on their part covers for us the three Breconshire parishes of Llysdinam, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan, and Llanwrthwl in the north of the County by their ambulance from Llandrindod Wells.
3. Hay Ambulance covers Hay Urban and Hay Rural Districts together with the Radnorshire District of Painscastle Rural and parishes of Newchurch and Michaelchurch-on-Arrow.
4 Crickhowell Ambulance covers the whole of the Crickhowell Rural District, other than Clydach and Darenfelen Areas.
5. Brynmawr Ambulance.—This ambulance covers Brynmawr, Clydach and Darenfelen.
6. Ystradgynlais Ambulances.—Two ambulances, owned by the local health authority in this area operate within the framework of the County Ambulance Service, are controlled by St. John's and are subject to the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health.

The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee acts as sole agent of the Authority for the above areas of the County and operates the Brecon, Builth, Hay, Crickhowell, Brynmawr and Ystradgynlais ambulances on terms mutually agreed and as may be approved by the Minister of Health from time to time. The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee is responsible for the operation and maintenance of an efficient ambulance service in these areas.

Apart from what has been mentioned above, in connection with Radnorshire, there are two areas of the County, both situated on the southern border, for which arrangements have been made for them to be covered by outside authorities as follow:—

(a) Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District, including the Brecon Rural appendage of Hepste. Glamorgan has undertaken to cover this area in their scheme by their ambulances stationed at Seven Sisters, Glynneath and Aberdare.

(b) The Village of Cefn Coed and the adjoining Parish of Vaynor (Pontsticill). The Borough of Merthyr Tydfil has undertaken to include this area in their ambulance scheme.

Since a considerable number of people live in the rural part of the Penderyn parish situated on the eastern border of this parish where it adjoins the parish of Vaynor but live within easy access of the main Brecon-Merthyr road, arrangements have been made that these people should be covered for ambulance purposes by the Merthyr Borough, even though they actually live within part of the area for which Glamorgan has undertaken responsibility since it is much more easy to obtain ambulance transport from Merthyr and Merthyr General Hospital is the one to which they always go when in need.

The arrangements with the Border Counties have worked satisfactorily, and I think it can be reported again that the scheme is working very well.

A County Ambulance Transport Committee meets regularly and includes representatives of the County Council, the Regional Hospital Board, and co-opted representatives of other interested bodies, together with the Welsh Home Service Ambulance Association, who operated the service.

The ambulances are mainly situated at garages under contract agreements between St. John and the proprietors, with the exception of the Ystradgynlais ambulances which are housed in a County Council garage at which three whole-time drivers are employed by St. John. It must be pointed out that in the Ystradgynlais area the ambulances also undertake the conveyance of all sitting case patients as well as those requiring ambulance transport.

Ambulance Station Telephone Numbers.—Table IX appended to this report gives the telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County. These numbers are not necessarily the same as those exhibited in Telephone Exchanges to which all emergency calls are directed. For instance, the emergency calls for Brynmawr are relayed to Caerleon 283. A local arrangement exists whereby calls directed to Monmouthshire are immediately referred to the Brynmawr station or, if need be, the calls are answered by Monmouthshire.

Sitting Car Service.

This service is running quite efficiently and works as follows:—

Each medical practitioner, midwife, hospital matron, etc., is supplied with voucher books authorising journeys to be made by private car at the expense of the local health authority in all cases where by reason of physical or mental defect the patient is unable to travel by public conveyance, and the starting point is situated within the County. The charges permitted are agreed by

the local health authority, who advertise for tenders from car proprietors who are willing to undertake the conveyance of patients. For this purpose the County is divided into 13 areas which are covered by 10 contractors. The following table shews the contractors and the parishes covered since 1/4/61. The contract for conveyance of sitting patients is for a period of three years The present contracts will thus remain in operation until 31st March, 1964. At Ystradgynlais, sitting patients are conveyed by the ambulances since whole-time personnel are employed. Cefn Coed and Penderyn, although not covered by an official contractor, present no difficulties, much of the work being done by the bordering authority on our behalf, and cases are conveyed by local garage proprietors.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
1.	T. J. Brown & Sons... 1, George St., Brynmawr.	Brynmawr, Darenfelen, and Clydach.
2.	W. F. Price, ... Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell	Llangynidr. Bwlch and Cwmdu
3.	W. F. Price, .. Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell.	Crickhowell, Gilwern, Grwynefawr, Grwynefechan, Llanbedr, Llangattock, Llangenny, Partrishow.
4.	Brecon Motors Ltd.,.. Watton, Brecon.	Borough of Brecon, Parishes of Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelogfach, Battle, Aberyscir, Vennyfach, Llanspyddid, St. David's Without, Glyn, Modrydd, Cantref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llansantfraed, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llangasty Talyllyn, Cathedine, Llangorse, Llanfillo, and Llanfigan (excepting Torpantau) and Llandetty (excepting Pontsticill and Dolygaer).
5.	Central Garage .. (Brecon) Ltd., Usk Garage, Sennybridge.	Parishes of Llandeilorfan, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Trallong, Ysclydach, Traianmawr, Traianglas, Cray, Senny, Maescar and Penpont.
6.	D. A. Northover, .. Classic Cabs, Cefn Coed.	Vaynor.
7.	No Contractors. ..	Penderyn and Ystrafellte.
3.	W. R. Powell, .. The Garage, Llanwrtyd.	Urban District of Llanwrtyd, and Parishes of Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Penbuallt, Gwarafog, Llanafanfechan, Llanlleonfel, Llanafanfawr, Llanfihangel Abergwessin, Llandewi Abergwessin, Treflis.
9.	H. T. Price Ltd., .. Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	Urban District of Builth and Parishes of Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Llangynog, Llandewi'r Cwm and Alltmawr.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
10.	H. T. Price Ltd., Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam (Breconshire) and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan.
11.	H. V. Webb and Sons Lion Garage, Hay-on-Wye	Urban District of Hay, and Parishes of Hay Rural, Llanigon, and Tregoyd and Velindre.
12.	C. E. Frost, New Inn, Talgarth.	Talgarth, Llanelieu, Llandefalle (Southern half), Bronllys, Aberllynfi and Pipton.
13.	H. T. Price Ltd., Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	Llyswen, Gwenddwr, Crickadarn, Llandefalle (Northern half).

No tenders were received in respect of District No. 7, Penderyn and Ystradfellte.

It is pointed out that no tenders were invited and, therefore, no contracts entered into in respect of the Ystradgynlais District, in view of the fact that this district is at present adequately covered by the County Council's ambulances operating in that district.

The Ambulance Service in Breconshire has no 24-hour central control but on the whole the service operates very smoothly indeed, in spite of this. Much consideration has been given to the question of central control and the question has also been subjected to considerable investigation by the officers of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Health, with the conclusion that a compromise has been arranged whereby a 24-hour service is guaranteed by the garages, and the County Health Department can act as central control during office hours. Calls for sitting cars during the day are normally made from hospitals outside the County to the County Health Department or to one of the ambulance stations. Requests from doctors within the County are made direct to the various contractors.

The limit of 40 miles, over which it is necessary to obtain prior approval from the County Medical Officer, continues to be imposed and has enabled the local health authority to combine a considerable number of journeys thereby reducing the cost accordingly.

Doctors and hospitals are from time to time reminded of economy and letters have been repeatedly written to hospitals requesting them to change times of appointments in order to fit in more than one patient in a car proceeding to the hospital.

The inconvenience and remote situation of many dwellings must have a direct bearing on the demand for transport under this scheme and although general practitioners are being constantly informed of this, it is inevitable that it must tend to increase the demand.

With the withdrawal of train services and the curtailment of certain bus services in Breconshire, it is inevitable that this problem will be felt to a greater extent in the future.

There does not appear to be any deliberate abuse of the scheme, which the local health authority supervises very carefully

Figures of the ambulance and sitting-car services during 1963 are given below:—

Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Station	Number of Journ'ys	Patients Carried		Total Patients Carried	Total Miles Tr'v'll'd	Patients conveyed as Accident or Emergency Cases
		Str'tchr	Sitting			
Brecon ...	524	571	109	680	18452	102
Brynmawr ...	293	293	54	347	4498	58
Builth ...	244	274	31	305	8472	24
Crickhowell ...	234	250	11	261	7039	33
Hay ...	139	159	24	183	7428	43
Ystrad'lais ...	1310	464	7855	8319	57228	198
Totals ...	2744	2011	8084	10095	103117	458
1962 ...	2606	1974	7251	9225	96140	399
1961 ...	2573	1935	6233	8168	93123	381
1960 ...	2412	1935	7175	9110	96760	300
1959 ...	2330	1743	6303	8046	87883	299
1958 ...	2287	1759	6422	8181	90559	271
1957 ...	2304	1746	5657	7403	92314	232
1956 ...	2304	1950	4961	6911	90708	201
1955 ...	2311	1890	4300	6190	90539	189
1954 ...	2418	2368	4321	6689	96848	215

Sitting Car Service — 1963.

Month.		Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
January	..	527	1207	16075
February	..	521	1287	15904
March	..	609	1389	19521
April	..	672	1742	23789
May	..	688	1989	24306
June	..	554	1487	17607
July	..	675	1735	23913
August	..	589	1444	19605
September	..	588	1404	17397
October	..	790	1729	20672
November	..	683	1703	22946
December	..	567	1383	18914
		7463	18499	240649

Comparative Figures for previous years.

Year.		Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
1962	..	7430	17467	236712
1961	..	7399	17257	229208
1960	..	6702	14188	195278
1959	..	5841	12316	182272
1958	..	5599	12685	168595
1957	..	5496	12167	159376
1956	..	5843	12462	162583
1955	..	5595	11528	168473
1954	..	5075	10740	148295
1953	..	4610	9786	132060

It will be noted that the number of journeys undertaken, mileage covered and the patients carried by sitting car rose again during the year. The sitting car service made 33 more journeys, carried 1.032 additional patients and covered 3,937 more miles than in 1962.

Section 28.—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Under this heading comes the after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness, all types of illnesses, the provision of equipment and apparatus (medical comforts) required for nursing the patients in the homes, and accommodation in recuperation homes. The local health authority, as was the case previously, is responsible for the provision of extra nourishment and clothes for the patient and his family, except in the case of patients who are in receipt of

National Assistance, when these items would be the responsibility of the National Assistance Board. Provision of out-door shelters, special beds and bedding, and other nursing requisites, etc., is the concern of the local health authority, and applications for any of these services are dealt with after furnishing particulars of all members of the family income, etc. When assistance is given, it is either free of charge or on whole or part payment by the patient. The amount of payment to be made by the patient is assessed on an income scale adopted by the local health authority and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Such items as wheel-chairs and crutches are provided by the County Council if the need is a temporary one, but if the necessity is likely to be permanent, then the responsibility for the provision of the articles rests with the Regional Hospital Board, such items being supplied through the Ministry of Pensions. Any applications of this nature are forwarded by this Department to the appropriate Hospital Management Committee requesting them to deal with the case.

Nursing requisites of a minor nature are provided free in all cases.

(1) **Tuberculosis** — The treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried on by the Welsh Hospital Board (Tuberculosis Division). Table V (appended) shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

Where necessary, the local health authority will provide tuberculosis patients with shelters on loan, and extra nourishment can be provided by the local health authority for them. The health visitors visit households in which there are tuberculosis patients and offer advice as to contacts and preventive measures which should be taken by them. Cases of bad housing conditions are referred to the local housing authorities.

The local health authority, with the Welsh Hospital Board, arrange for the joint appointment of medical officers who are employed in connection with the local health authority's services in relation to the prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Domestic Help Scheme under Section 29 also plays its part in the prevention of illness, care and after-care of these cases.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Chest Physicians are as follows:—

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Days of Attendance.	Times.
1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams, 2 Bulwark, Brecon—Telephone 2954.		
Brecon	Tuesdays ..	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon—Clinic New and old patients. 11 a.m.—Consultations (Brecon Hospital).

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Days of Attendance.	Times.
1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams (Continued)—		
	Tuesdays (Cont.) ..	2 p.m. — Contacts and B.C.G.
		Domiciliary Visits
	Fridays ..	10 a.m.—New and old patients.
		2 p.m.—New Cases by Appointment.
Builth Hospital Builth Wells ..	Mondays ..	10.30 a.m.—Clinic and Consultations
The Hospital Llandrindod ..	Mondays ..	2 p.m. — Clinic and Consultations.
Ystradgynlais—at Adelina Patti Hospital ..	Thursdays ..	2 p.m.—New and Old Cases.

2. Dr. L. Erin, "Hawthorns," Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil—

Telephone 2829.

For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients.

Courtland Terrace Merthyr Tydfil ..	Tuesdays ..	2 p.m.—New and Old Cases by Appointment.
	Wednesdays ..	9.30 a.m.—New and Old Cases by Appointment.
	Wednesdays ..	2 p.m.—Children and Contacts.
	Thursdays ..	9.30 a.m.—New and Old Cases by Appointment.

For Penderyn and Hirwaun Patients.

General Hospital, Aberdare ..	Mondays and Thursdays ..	9.30 a.m. — New and old patients.
	Thursdays ..	2 p.m.—Old Cases.

3. Dr. R. G. Prosser Evans, "Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Road, Neath.

Telephone, Neath 278.

(For Pontneathvaughan)

"Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Rd., Neath ..	Mondays ..	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon—Old and New Cases (New Cases by Appointment only).
	Wednesdays ..	2 p.m.— Contact Clinic.
	Tuesdays ..	Static Mass Radiography Sessions.
		10 a.m. to 12 noon—Females.
		2 p.m.-4 p.m.—Males.

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Days of Attendance.	Times.

4. Dr. N. C. Norman and Dr. S. Keidan, "Ennisclare," Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith. Telephone—Blackwood 3281.

'Ennisclare," Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith ..	Mondays ..	10 a.m. Old and New Patients. 2.30 p.m.—Special Appointments.
	Tuesdays ..	10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Tomography Clinic

Blaina and District Hospital, Nantyglo—Tuesdays, 11 a.m. New and Old Patients (also for Brynmawr patients).

	Wednesdays ..	10 a.m.—Old and New Patients—Female. 2.30 p.m.—Contact Clinic
	Thursdays ..	10 a m. and 2.30 p.m. —Special X - ray Appointments.
	Fridays ..	10 a.m.—New and Old Patients — Children 2.30 p.m. — Contact and B.C.G. Clinic.
	Saturdays ..	10 a.m.— Special Appointments

5. Dr. M. I. Jackson, Chest Clinic, 129, Stow Hill, Newport Telephone: Newport 66781.

Maindiff Court Hospital, Abergavenny.	Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.	New and old patients (By appointment only).

B.C.G. Vaccination.

The Chest Physicians undertaking duties in Breconshire still undertake the work of B.C.G. Vaccination in the County Areas under their control in respect of contact cases.

Since 1951 the following cases have been vaccinated:—

		By Chest Physicians. (mainly contacts).	By Medical Officers of County Council.
1951	...	99	Nil
1952	...	43	Nil
1953	...	72	Nil
1954	...	92	Nil
1955	...	104	126
1956	...	81	104
1957	...	101	346
1958	...	77	352
1959	...	97	134
1960	...	88	887
1961	...	68	884
1962	...	56	518
1963	...	51	324

The Council's Scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination was approved by the Ministry in March, 1954, and since this date the Authority's Medical Officers have been skin testing and vaccinating school children between their thirteenth and fourteenth birthdays.

In 1959, proposals were submitted by the County Council to the Ministry for the extension of this scheme, to include the skin testing and vaccination or re-vaccination if necessary, of all children over the age of 13 years in school. This scheme was later approved by the Ministry during that year, and was brought into operation in 1960.

T.B. Serial Testing in Schools.

In addition to the above scheme a further scheme for annual skin testing and the X'Raying of any positive reactors was introduced for all school children.

Annual tuberculin testing of all school children provides accurate and reliable information regarding the number of children infected from natural sources during any period of twelve months.

The annual conversion rate of non-reactor children will serve as a reliable index of the prevailing risk of infection in the community. When the conversion rate is found to be abnormally high in any class, school or district it indicates that viable tubercule bacilli are being disseminated freely and that

intensive case finding investigations should be applied including possibly the mass radiography service.

Contacts in the home or at school would be traced and thus prevent the further spread of the disease.

It is hoped, therefore, that by this method we will be able to detect the sources of infection which otherwise would not have been discovered until later.

Details of the work carried out in 1963 are given in the following four tables.

A. **B.C.G. Vaccination**— Children aged 13 and over.

SCHOOL	No. given skin test	Results		No. given B.C.G. Vacc	No. re-skin tested	Results	
		Positive	Negative			No. converted to positive	No. not converted & given further B.C.G. Vacc
Brynmawr Gram. and Brynmawr Mod. Sec.	117	8	109	109	99	95	4
St. David's Convent	35	4	31	27	24	22	2
Cefn Coed Cty. Sec.	87	21	66	66	67	65	2
Christ College	21	3	18	18	99	78	21
Crickhowell Mod. Sec.	13	—	13	13	6	6	—
Tymawr School	37	4	33	31	25	23	2
Brecon Girls'Cty. Grm.	35	2	33	31	112	99	13
Gwernyfed Mod. Sec.	38	5	33	29	37	37	—
Totals ..	383	47	336	324	469	425	44

B. **T.B. Serial Testing**— Other children attending school, who are under 13 years of age.

SCHOOL	Number given skin tests	Results		Number re skin tested	Results		
		Positive	Negative		Natural Positive	B.C.G. Positive	Negative
Mount St. C.P. Mxd. ..	31	—	31	127	1	18	108
Cathedine C.P. ..	3	—	3	15	—	1	14
Llan-Talyllyn C.P. ..	6	—	6	10	—	3	7
Postern V.P. ..	15	..	15	48	—	1	47
Llanspyddid C.P. ..	5	1	4	25	—	1	24
Talybont V.P. ..	10	—	10	21	—	4	17
Llanfrynach V.P. ..	2	—	2	18	—	9	9
Mount St. Infants ..	46	—	46	67	—	7	60
Builth C.P. ..	40	—	40	110	1	4	105
Cwmdu V.P. ..	9	—	9	30	1	3	26
Llangattock V.P. ..	13	1	12	45	1	6	38
Crickhowell V.P. ..	38	—	38	92	1	8	83
Llangynidr V.P. ..	2	—	2	39	—	7	32
Llandefalle V.P. ..	7	—	7	15	—	4	11
Llyswen V.P. ..	4	—	4	9	—	—	9
Llanfilo C.P. ..	2	—	2	3	—	—	3
Llanafanfawr C.P. ..	8	—	8	12	2	—	10
Crickadarn V.P. ..	1	—	1	7	—	1	6
Gwenddwr V.P. ..	3	—	3	5	—	—	5
Llwynmadoc V.P. ..	7	—	7	19	—	—	19
Glasbury V.P. ..	10	—	10	27	—	1	26
Bronllys V.P. ..	5	—	5	26	—	4	22
Llanigon V.P. ..	9	1	8	22	—	4	18
Velindre V.P. ..	4	—	4	11	—	—	11
Tirabad C.P. ..	3	1	2	20	—	3	17
Llangammarch C.P. ..	4	—	4	31	—	1	30
Llanbedr V.P. ..	13	—	13	20	—	—	20
Gilwern C.P. ..	18	—	18	122	—	3	119
Llanwrtyd C.P. ..	6	—	6	51	—	1	50
Darenfelin C.P. Infants ..	13	—	13	20	—	1	19
Darenfelin C.P. Mixed ..	9	—	9	30	—	1	29
Clydach C.P. Mixed ..	1	—	1	34	—	—	34
Clydach C.P. Infants ..	4	—	4	11	—	—	11
Llangorse V.P. ..	6	—	4	22	—	2	20
Llanfaes C.P. Infants ..	36	2	34	77	—	5	72
Llanfaes C.P. Mixed ..	20	2	18	110	—	8	102
Garth C.P. ..	10	—	10	14	—	—	14
Llanganten C.P. ..	9	—	9	22	—	—	22
Brynmawr County Grammar / Brynmawr Modern Sec.	68	—	68	75	1	4	70
St. David's Convent ..	53	4	49	3	—	3	—
St. Joseph's R.C. ..	32	1	31	3	—	3	—
Hay C.P. Mixed ..	6	—	6	58	—	2	56
Hay C.P. Infants ..	22	—	22	21	—	—	21
Hay V.P. Mixed ..	4	—	4	29	—	1	28
Hay V.P. Infants ..	10	—	10	10	—	—	10
Brynmawr C.P. Mixed ..	44	1	43	153	—	3	150

SCHOOL	Number given skin tests	Results		Number re-skin tested	Results		
		Positive	Negative		Natural Positive	B.C.G. Positive	Negative
Brynmawr C.P. Infants ..	76	—	76	57	—	7	50
Cray C.P. ..	4	—	4	15	—	1	14
Senny C.P. ..	1	—	1	3	—	—	3
Aberpedwar C.P. ..	3	—	3	7	—	—	7
Brynmawr V.P. Mixed ..	18	—	18	57	2	2	53
Brynmawr V.P. Infants ..	36	—	36	24	—	—	24
Brynmawr R.C. ..	13	1	12	14	—	—	14
Talgarth C.P. Mixed ..	10	—	10	57	2	10	45
Talgarth C.P. Infants ..	22	1	21	31	2	9	20
Uppel Chapel C.P. ..	1	—	1	4	—	—	4
Llandefaelog V.P. ..	2	—	2	7	—	1	6
Llaneglwys C.P. ..	7	—	7	8	—	—	8
Penycae C.P. ..	5	—	5	35	—	—	35
Penrhos C.P. Mixed ..	8	—	8	53	1	5	47
Penrhos C.P. Infants ..	15	—	15	35	—	4	31
Cynlais C.P. Mixed ..	6	1	5	63	—	2	61
Cynlais C.P. Infants ..	8	—	8	27	—	1	26
Colbren C.P. ..	6	—	6	51	—	4	47
Sennybridge C.P. ..	18	1	17	59	—	14	45
Trecastle C.P. ..	7	1	6	25	—	2	23
Yniscedwyn Welsh ..	27	—	27	89	—	12	77
Caehopkin C P. ..	8	—	8	49	—	6	43
Trallong V.P. ..	4	—	4	6	—	1	5
Llan-Nant-Bran V.P. ..	3	—	3	13	—	—	13
Llanwrthwl V.P. ..	4	—	4	6	—	—	6
Elan Village V.P. ..	6	—	6	—	—	—	—
Battle C.P. ..	7	—	7	13	—	1	12
Merthyr Cynog C.P. ..	2	—	2	7	—	—	7
Gurnos C.P. Infants ..	28	—	28	45	—	5	40
Cefn Coed County Sec. ..	26	6	20	45	3	1	41
Gurnos C.P. Mixed ..	15	1	14	88	—	3	85
Cwmtwrch C.P. Infants ..	14	—	14	18	—	2	16
Cwmtwrch C.P. Mixed ..	4	—	4	34	—	4	30
Abercrave C.P. ..	16	—	16	72	—	4	68
Glantawe C.P. ..	3	—	3	15	—	—	15
Glanrhyd C.P. ..	18	1	17	59	—	1	58
Cefn C.P. Mixed ..	37	1	36	141	—	7	134
Ystradfellte C.P. ..	8	—	8	7	—	—	7
Cefn C.P. Infants ..	83	—	83	74	—	4	70
Ysgol Thomas Stephens ..	12	—	12	43	—	6	37
Penderyn C.P. ..	11	—	11	49	1	7	41
Christ College ..	10	—	10	5	—	—	5
Crickhowell Sec. Mod. ..	7	—	7	20	—	2	18
Brecon Girls' Grammar ..	1	—	1	73	1	5	67
Gwernyfed Mod. Sec. ..	11	—	11	56	1	6	49
Totals	1302	28	1274	3398	21	266	3111

C. **Chest X-Rays**— In connection with B.C.G. Vaccination.

School		No. Done.	No. satisfactory.	No. unsatisfactory.
Brecon Girls' Grammar	..	10	10	—
Brynmawr Grammar and Brynmawr Mod. Sec.	..	7	7	—
St. David's Convent, Brecon	..	4	4	—
Cefn Coed County Sec.	..	9	9	—
Christ College, Brecon	..	3	3	—
Tymawr School	...	2	2	—
Brecon Girls' Grammar	..	2	2	—
Gwernyfed Sec. Mod.	...	4	4	—
Totals	...	41	41	—

D. **Chest X-Rays**— In connection with T.B. Serial Testing.

School.		No. Done.	No. satisfactory.	No. unsatisfactory.
Mount St. C.P. Mixed	..	1	1	—
Llanspyddid C.P	...	1	1	—
Builth C.P.	..	1	1	—
Cwmdu V.P.	..	1	1	—
Llangattock V.P.	...	2	2	—
Crickhowell V.P.	...	1	1	—
Llanafanfawr C.P.	..	2	2	—
Llanigon V.P.	..	1	1	—
Tirabad C.P.	...	1	1	—
Llanfaes C.P. Infants	..	2	2	—
Llanfaes C.P. Mixed	...	2	2	—
Brynmawr Cty. Grammar and Brynmawr Mod. Sec.	..	1	1	—
St. David's Convent Brecon	..	4	4	—
St. Joseph's R.C., Brecon	..	1	1	—
Brynmawr C.P. Mixed	...	1	1	—
Brynmawr V.P. Mixed	...	2	2	—
Brynamwr R.C.	..	1	1	—
Talgarth C.P. Mixed	..	2	2	—
Talgarth C.P. Infants	..	3	3	—
Penrhos C.P. Mixed	..	1	1	—
Sennybridge C.P.	...	1	1	—
Trecastle C.P.	..	1	1	—
Cefn Coed County Sec.	..	9	9	—
Glanrhyd C.P.	...	1	1	—
Penderyn C.P.	...	1	1	—
Brecon Girls' Grammar	...	1	1	—
Totals	...	45	45	—

(2) **Illness Generally—**

Arrangements exist for the follow-up of all cases discharged from hospital and work in the after-care of patients is closely linked with Domestic Help and Home Nursing Services.

Nursing equipment and apparatus are loaned to patients direct by the local health authority free of charge.

Items are also loaned by the St. John Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society. The local health authority has assisted St. John's by providing suitable premises for storage where possible, and also by grants.

In Crickhowell, Llanwrtyd and Gilwern, the British Red Cross Society have set up Comforts Depots, for which we have purchased the equipment. In Crickhowell, the County Council provided the storage facilities at the Market Hall.

During the year, in addition to the items which have been loaned to patients direct and by St. John and the British Red Cross, the following action has been taken to assist patients:—

No. of cases.	Action taken.
4	Convalescence.
3	Loan of Hoists.

In addition to the above known applications, the nurses have for their own use such items as air rings and rubber sheeting which are loaned to patients.

Orthopaedic Work.

The treatment of orthopaedic cases is undertaken by the Authority, and the services of Mr. E. R Treasure, F.R.C.S., Orthopaedic Specialist, St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr, are available by arrangement with the Welsh Hospital Board.

The Local Health Authority employs an Orthopaedic Nurse, Mrs. N. G. Neat, who pays domiciliary visits as and when necessary. She also holds frequent fixed clinics throughout the County.

Mrs. Neat also assists at Mr. Treasure's clinic in Brecon Hospital, for which service the Welsh Hospital Board pays to the Local Health Authority an agreed sessional fee.

The fixed clinics held for orthopaedic treatment are as follows—

The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr ..	Each Monday, with the exception of the 4th Monday of the month.
The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells ..	4th Monday of each month. a.m.
The Town Hall, Talgarth ..	1st Tuesday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Ystradgynlais ..	Each Wednesday. p.m.
The Clinic, Ysgol-y-Graig, Cefn Coed ..	1st Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye ..	4th Thursday of each month. a.m.
The Clinic, Crickhowell ..	3rd Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Watton Offices, Brecon ..	Each Friday. p.m.

As requested by the Department, Mr. E. R. Treasure, held Consultation Clinics at the Brecon Health Department Clinic on the dates shown below. Details of numbers seen are given.

BRECON SPECIALIST CLINIC

Dates—	19/2/63	21/5/63	20/8/63	17/12/63
Number called for Examination ...	22	24	23	45
Number attended ...	16	19	18	37
No treatment required ...	2	5	—	—
To attend clinics ...	12	10	9	37
X-rays required ...	3	2	10	16
To be seen again by Specialist ...	14	17	7	32
Require Hospital treatment ...	2	2	1	8

Chiropody Service.

The County Council's Chiropody Service, which started in April, 1960, still continues to function very satisfactorily, although demands made on the service are increasing. It is a service which is growing and which, of course, is a great help to the elderly.

The number of clinic sessions has again been increased during the year and from time to time the Chiropodists, who are engaged on a sessional basis, allocate extra sessions to us to reduce the waiting lists.

In the first instance the categories of patients catered for are

(i) The elderly.

(ii) The physically handicapped.

(iii) Expectant mothers.

(iv) Other patients at discretion of County Medical Officer.

and in view of the ever increasing demands made upon the service by these categories alone it is still impossible to extend the scheme beyond these at present.

The clinics were run with the aid of the voluntary agencies. in County Council premises, etc., and the help given by the Volunteers is much appreciated.

During the year Clinics were held at the following places and at the time shewn.

Location.	Frequency of Clinics.	Day and time of Clinic during month.	
Brecon Clinic	Weekly	1st & 3rd Thursdays 2nd & 4th Fridays	2 - 5 p.m. 2 - 5 p.m.
Ystradgynlais Clinic	Fortnightly	2nd & 4th Thursdays	2 - 5 p.m.
Abercrave Miners Welfare Hall	Fortnightly	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	2 - 5 p.m.
Brynmawr Clinic	Monthly	4th Wednesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Hay-on-Wye Clinic	Monthly	1st Wednesday (all day) 9 - 12 noon —	2 - 5 p.m.
Crickhowell Clinic	Monthly	1st Monday 2nd Monday	2 - 5 p.m. 2 - 5 p.m.
Cefn Coed Clinic	Monthly	4th Wednesday	9 - 12 noon
Gilwern Village Hall	Monthly	3rd Monday	2 - 5 p.m.
Colbren Miners' Welfare Hall	Fortnightly	2nd and 4th Mondays	2 - 5 p.m.
Cwmtwrch Miners Wélfare Hall	Fortnightly	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	2 - 5 p.m.

The above times were for those clinics which were fixed, but additional sessions were frequently held.

It has previously been stated that at some future date clinics will be extended to Talgarth, Llanwrtyd Wells and Sennybridge. When clinic premises are erected in these places it is hoped to put the extension plan into operation.

The method of obtaining treatment is still the same as hitherto and patients can either ask for an appointment direct from the local volunteers running the clinic in their area, or write to the County Medical Officer.

Transport of patients to the Chiropody Clinics can be undertaken under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, if the patient is unable to attend by means of alternative public transport. Alternatively, when a patient is conveyed to the Clinic by the voluntary agency, using a member's car, such

member is paid at the rate of 6d. per mile. Authorisation by the patient's doctor, however, is required before transport can be provided either by the Ambulance Authority or the Voluntary agency.

All Chiropodists employed are qualified and satisfy one or other of the qualifications stated in Section 3 of the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954 (Statutory Instrument No. 55, 1954), and the Local Health Authority has been most careful in seeing that the requirements of these Regulations have been fully met.

Elderly and handicapped patients have treatment free of charge; expectant mothers and other patients pay 2/6d. per treatment.

Three part-time Chiropodists were engaged by the local Health Authority on a sessional basis and they attended clinics and paid domiciliary visits as required.

Mrs. M. A. Llewellyn, 36, Gough Road. Ystalyfera, Glam., attended at the Abercrave, Ystradgynlais and Cwmtwrch Clinics. Mr. T. J. Smith, Parame, Llangynidr. visited Colbren Clinic, and the late Mr. E. H. Spencer-Jones, 336, Chepstow Road, Newport. attended at the remainder of the clinics throughout the County

All Chiropodists are assisted by teams of volunteers drawn from the British Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Association Old Age Pensioners' Association, and the W V.S. There is nc doubt that the efficiency of the scheme owes much to the valuable services rendered by these good ladies and it is once again recorded that we deeply appreciate this work undertaken by them.

During the year the following work was undertaken.—

Clinic Sessions.

Clinic Sessions held .. 268

	Elderly	Physically Handi-capped	Expectant Mothers	Others	Total
Number of patients treated	666	18	—	4	688
Number of attendances made by these patients ..	1942	33	—	11	1986

Domiciliary Visits.

Number of patients visited ..	64
Number of visits paid to these patients ..	190

Table X, appended to this report gives further information of patients treated at Clinics and domiciliary visits shown in their respective areas.

VENEREAL DISEASES—

The authority's health visitors are available for the visiting of these cases to encourage them to keep up their attendance at special clinics and continue with the prescribed treatment.

Free posters are issued for display at Clinics and elsewhere.

Apart from any assistance as above, treatment of V.D. is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. There are no treatment centres in the County and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford General Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and V.D. Clinic, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

CANCER—

During the year, 120 deaths were recorded, giving a death rate of 2.20 per 1,000 population, as compared with 112 and a death rate of 2.05 in 1962 Of the 120 there were 22 cases of lung cancer.

The number of deaths and the death rate for cancer increased during 1963, but the rate did not exceed that for 1961. The rate of 2.20 being the same for both years.

Deaths from Cancer accounted for 14.83% of all deaths. The deaths from lung cancer were 18.33% of the total cancer deaths.

The death rate per 1,000 population of Lung Cancer was 0.42 for 1963 compared with a figure of 0.27 in 1962.

Figures of deaths from cancer, and the rate per 1,000 population over the last ten years are given below:—

Year.	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 population.
1962	112	2.05
1961	122	2.20
1960	91	1.64
1959	93	1.66
1958	116	2.07
1957	111	1.97
1956	106	1.88
1955	98	1.75
1954	113	2.03
1953	98	1.75

Section 29.—DOMESTIC HELP—

This scheme under Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, continues to work quite well throughout the County. The difficulty previously encountered owing to the lack of domestic helps has almost disappeared, and difficulty is now only experienced in the odd case where domestic helps are unwilling to accept the case.

Domestic Helps are registered with the authority and then engaged on a case basis as required.

During 1963 the Welsh Board of Health called for a revised set of figures, and it will therefore, be noted that the figures given in the following tables cannot be a true comparison with previous years. In an endeavour to give a comparison with the last four years it is necessary to repeat some of the categories helped in this table.

On the 31st December, 1963, the number of domestic helps employed by the Authority was :

(a) Whole-time Dmestic Helps	...	Nil
(b) Part-time Domestic Helps	...	192
(c) Whole-time equivalent of those shewn in (b)	...	54

The number of cases where Domestic Help was provided during the year, together with the yearly figures since 1959 for comparison, is given below:—

		1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Maternity	...	16	12	15	13	16
Tuberculosis	...	—	10	6	7	8
Chronic Sick and Aged	...	—	316	313	276	296
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	...	38	—	—	—	—
Cases over 65 years	...	296	—	—	—	—
Mentally disordered	...	2	—	—	—	—
Others	...	18	25	21	27	24
Totals	...	370	363	355	323	344

Mrs. F. J. McLean (nee Thorogood) supervises the domestic helps by frequent visits to patients' homes. There is now a closer liaison between the domestic helps, the patients and the Department since the appointment of a Domestic Help Supervisor, and irregularities, however slight, are investigated by the Supervisor.

Holiday Scheme for Domestic Helps.

During 1963 the Breconshire County Council introduced a holiday scheme for domestic helps based on the number of hours worked and the continuity of each domestic help's service during the previous year.

The scheme was one formulated by the Authority and is not a national agreement. Domestic helps being engaged on a case basis were not considered to be covered by any such agreement nationally and this scheme was formulated and is operated by the County Council without prejudice to any further decision which the Authority may make in this matter.

The conditions applied in the operation of the scheme are as follows:—

"The Domestic Helps will only be entitled to holidays in any year, provided they have worked for an average of **5 hours or more per week** during the previous year, and also worked for a period of **27 weeks or more.**

The scheme introduced will operate as under:

(i) Domestic Helps who work between 27 weeks and 39 weeks in the year ... 1 week's holiday

(ii) Domestic Helps who work 40 weeks or over in the year ... 2 weeks' holiday

Provided that in (i) and (ii) the employee has worked for an average of 5 hours per week throughout the year of 52 weeks.

(1) Work undertaken this year will govern the holiday entitlement or payment in lieu for next year.

(2) Because of the nature of the Domestic Help Service and because most persons are in the main working short hours, the holiday will be calculated in hours and not in days and payment will be made in lieu of holidays.

(3) Domestic Helps take holidays as they require them as hitherto, but the payment in lieu is calculated as soon as practical after the end of the financial year and payment will be made to all persons say at the end of May each year.

(4) Persons leaving the service will only receive their holiday entitlement (if any) at the appropriate time, as mentioned in paragraph (3).

It will thus be seen that the minimum payment to be made to any domestic help in lieu of holidays is for five hours.

The cost of this scheme to the County Council in the first year was £723.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The Mental Health Act, 1959, came into operation during 1960. All previous legislation relating to mental illness and mental deficiency and contained in the Lunacy and Mental

Treatment Acts, 1890-1930 and the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-38, was repealed in the new Act.

The Mental Health Act, 1959, makes provision with respect to the treatment and care of mentally disordered persons and with respect to their property and affairs. The emphasis throughout this Act is on treatment and not custody. Every effort will be made to encourage patients to seek treatment informally and without compulsion. A mentally disordered person can now enter any Mental Hospital or General Hospital for observation without any formality or certification whatsoever.

Types of Mentally Disordered Persons.

(a) **Mentally Ill.**

(b) **Psychopathic Personality.**

(c) **Severely Subnormal Personality.**

(d) **Subnormal Personality.**

The magistrate no longer has any part in the compulsory admission of patients to hospital. This lays stress on medical, as opposed to the administrative outlook on mental disorder. The compulsory admission for observation or treatment will now be on the recommendation of two doctors. One doctor must have special psychiatric experience, and the other doctor if possible should be the patient's general medical practitioner.

Adequate safeguards against unnecessary detention are provided by the establishment of Mental Health Review Tribunals. One Tribunal is formed for each area for which there is a Regional Hospital Board, to consider applications from patients already in mental hospitals for their release from hospital.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for the community care of all mentally disordered persons not in hospital.

Local Authority Services
Under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act.

(a) The provision, equipment and maintenance of residential accommodation and the care of persons resident in such accommodation.

(b) The provision of centres for training or occupation and the equipment and maintenance of such centres.

(c) The appointment of officers to act as Mental Welfare Officers.

(d) To supervise persons placed under Guardianship.

(e) The provision of a home training service.

(f) The provision of day centres.

(g) The provision of social clubs.

(h) The provision of a Home Visiting Service.

Under Education Act, 1944.

The ascertainment of children unsuitable for education in school.

ORGANISATION AND STAFF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

(A) The following is, in outline, a description of the existing organisation and staff arrangements:—

(1) **Mental Health Sub-Committee.**

The Local Health Authority has appointed a Mental Health Services Sub-Committee which is a sub-committee of the Local Health Committee.

(2) **Officers responsible for organisation and control.**

The County Medical Officer, Dr. R. G. Evans, assisted by the Deputy County Medical Officer, Dr. J. K. Jones, and the Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. C. M. S. Evans, advise the authority on mental health matters. The County Medical Officer undertakes the overall organisation and control of the services and the direction of all mental health workers carrying out the function of the local health authority. The Deputy Medical Officer is responsible for the day to day organisation of the mental health services.

The ascertainment of subnormal or severely subnormal personality is undertaken by the County Medical Officer, the Deputy County Medical Officer and Dr. C. E. Edwards, Assistant Medical Officer and District M.O.H. (Southern areas) who are approved by the Breconshire L.E.A. for the ascertainment of children who are unsuitable for education at school.

The psychiatrists of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board co-operate to the fullest extent and borderline or controversial cases are referred to them for opinion. In this connection Dr. G. Diggle, Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, gives every possible help.

Dr. Michael Craft, Consultant Psychiatrist for North and Mid-Wales, co-operates fully with this department and he is

always ready to advise on any cases on his visits South. Dr. Craft is also the Medical Superintendent of Oakwood Park Hospital, Conway, North Wales.

Dr. D. C. Wynn Jenkins, Medical Superintendent, Ely Hospital, Cardiff, also co-operates with the department and is willing to investigate cases for the Authority. One such case was admitted to Ely Hospital for a short period in 1963, when Dr. Jenkins' advice was sought.

During the year cases were also referred to Mr. J. McDonald Child Psychiatrist, at Swansea, and to Dr. Gaynor N. Lacey, Consultant Psychiatrist to Merthyr Tydfil Education Committee for assessment.

The co-operation, help and guidance of all these Consultant Psychiatrists, and that of the staff of the Welsh Hospital Board at Cardiff, has greatly helped us in surmounting our problems and is much appreciated.

(3) **Administrative and Clerical Staff.**

Two part-time officers assist the County Medical Officer in the administration of the Mental Health Services.

(4) **Psychiatric Social Worker.**

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed by the Welsh Border Hospital Management Committee (Regional Hospital Board) jointly with the County Councils of Breconshire, Radnorshire and Montgomeryshire. She devotes 5/33rds of her time to Breconshire.

(5) **Mental Welfare Officers.**

Mental Welfare Officers.— Six give part-time service only, as they are also Welfare Officers and Registrars of Births and Deaths. They work in the following five areas:—

(a) Brecon and Sennybridge — Mr. H. G. Edwards.

(b) Brynmawr and Crickhowell — Mr. T. V. Rees.

(c) Builth, Hay and Talgarth — Mr. W. B. Hargest.

(d) Ystradgynlais — Mr. W. T. Davies.

(e) Vaynor and Penderyn — Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis.

(f) Whole County (Relief) — Mr. R. I. Jones.

A system of relief has been devised to ensure that a Mental Welfare Officer is always available for any district. Each Mental Welfare Officer relieves his or her neighbouring colleague, and as a further safeguard, Mr. R. I. Jones, Chief Clerk in the Public Health Department, has been appointed and approved as Relief Mental Welfare Officer.

Table XI appended to this report shows the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Mental Welfare Officers; giving their normal areas served together with the areas they each relieve.

Although these officers only give part-time service in the Mental Health field, those at Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay are actually whole-time officers of the Council, whereas those at Vaynor and Penderyn and at Ystradgynlais are only part-time officers.

The duties of the Mental Welfare Officers are to exercise the functions given to them by Sections 22, 135 and 140 and Parts IV and V of the Mental Health Act, 1959.

It is proposed to send all Mental Welfare Officers on approved Courses in Mental Health at the earliest possible time.

(6) Health Visitors and Home Visiting Services.

Periodic visits are paid by the Health Visitors to all sub-normal patients in their area. Some of these patients are also visited by the Psychiatric Social Worker.

The Health Visitors also visit and submit a periodic report on patients discharged from mental hospitals, as part of a Home Visiting Service. Cases suitable for surveillance by the Health Visitors are forwarded by the Psychiatric Social Worker and the Health Visitors work under the guidance of the Deputy County Medical Officer and the Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Summary of Mentally-ill Patients visited by Health Visitors during 1963.

Type of Mental Disorder.	No. of Cases Visited.
Schizophrenia	23
Manic Depressive Psychosis	14
Depression	13
Psychotic Depression	4
Confusional Psychosis	8
Involutional Melancholia	15
Epileptic Psychosis	2
Hysteria	8
Hypomania	1
Involutional Psychosis	1
Senile Dementia	1
Leucotonous	1
Agitated Depression	1

Summary of Sub-normal patients visited by Health Visitors during 1963.

	Nos. Visited.
Subnormal patients	36
Severely subnormal patients	43

The majority of the home visiting of mentally disordered patients is still, however undertaken by the Psychiatric Social Worker working from the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

(7) **Training of Staff.**

(a) Mental Welfare Officers.

It is proposed to send all the Mental Welfare Officers on an approved course in Mental Health at the earliest possible date.

(b) Health Visitors.

Health Visitors employed by the Local Authority attended a course of "In-Service" training organised by the Medical Superintendent, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, and visited the Rehabilitation Unit at Cardiff, during the year.

The Deputy County Medical Officer, the Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Psychiatric Social Worker, have given lectures on the Mental Health Act to all nursing staff.

Miss Gwendoline Morgan, the Psychiatric Social Worker discusses individual patients with the Health Visitors at frequent meetings throughout the County.

An excellent liaison has thus been established between the staff of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Health Department of the Council.

In-service training is being continued at the Mid-Wales Hospitals and Health Visitors attend a series of one-day study courses, These are held for one day each month.

(c) Supervisors of Occupation Centres.

Two Trainee Supervisors of Occupation Centre commenced training for a one year and a two year course at Birmingham and Bristol respectively, during 1963.

Both these candidates were sponsored by the Authority and they will work in Breconshire for two years after training if required to do so. During the course they were paid 75% of the salary of a qualified Supervisor.

The candidate undergoing training at Birmingham on the one-year course will complete her course by mid-July, 1964. It is intended to engage her as a peripatetic teacher for the mentally handicapped until such time as the occupation centre for adults and juniors is completed in Brecon.

(8) **Training Centre.**

There are no Junior Training Centres or Adult Training Centres at present available in the area.

The Authority's plans are expected to provide, within the next two years, places for all suitable cases up to the age of 45

years and plans are going ahead for a Junior Training and Occupation Centre in Brecon. Approval to this scheme was given at a Special Mental Health Committee early in 1962.

Social, educational and occupational training will be provided as governed by the demands made for such services. Ancilliary services such as meals, medical inspection, dental treatment and provision of transport will be provided.

Arrangements have been made with adjoining Authorities for the attendance of certain patients at their occupation centres.

Five patients attend Occupation Centres in Monmouthshire and one attends a Glamorganshire Centre.

One boy is resident at the Sunfield Children's Home, Clent. Worcs., and another "chair-bound" boy is at the Cheshire Home, Hawthorn Lodge, Dorchester.

(9) **Residential Accommodation.**

No form of residential accommodation is available at present, but this may well warrant serious consideration sooner than was anticipated.

The authority will, when necessary, and when possible arrange with voluntary bodies or other authorities providing such facilities, for accommodation to be available for cases from this area.

(10) **Home Training.**

No facilities at present.

With the development of a Training Centre it is anticipated that there will be no need for home teaching, although the Authority will review the position from time to time to ensure that all patients who will benefit are given an opportunity to receive training.

(11) **Day Centres, Social Clubs, Etc.**

There are no existing arrangements of this nature.

It is the Authority's intention, with the aid of the Voluntary Agencies, to provide Social Clubs and other activities, but that at the onset a pilot scheme should operate in the County Town (Brecon) and that the service should be extended as soon as the demand warrants the establishment of Social Centres and Clubs elsewhere.

(12) **Guardianship.**

The Authority will ensure that they will exercise their functions under the Mental Health Act, 1959, in respect of

persons placed under guardianship, whether that of the Authority or of other persons.

There were no cases under Guardianship in the County during 1963.

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(13) **Statistics.**

Details of patients receiving home visits, attending Occupation Centres, waiting for admission to Occupation Centres, Admissions and Discharges from Hospitals, etc., are given in Table XII as an appendix to this Report.

In Section B of this table will be found the number of cases referred to the Local Health Authority during the year 1963.

(14) **Waiting List For Hospital Admission.**

Number of Patients in Local Health Authority's area on waiting list for admission to Hospital at 31/12/63.

	Psychopath. Under 16 years.		Psychopath. Over 16 years.		Subnormal Under 16 years.		Subnormal Over 16 years.		Severely Subnormal Under 16 years.		Severely Subnormal Over 16 years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
(1) In Urgent need of Hospital Care ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1
(2) Not in Urgent Need of Hospital Care ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(15) **Number of admissions for temporary residential care.**

	Psychopath. Under 16 years		Psychopath. Over 16 years		Subnormal Under 16 years		Subnormal Over 16 years		Severely Subnormal Under 16 years		Severely Subnormal Over 16 years	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F,
(a) To N.H.S. Hospital ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) To Local Authority Residential accommodation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Elsewhere ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Admission of Emergency Cases to Psychiatric Hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 132 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, and of paragraph II of the Ministry of Health Memorandum on Parts 1, IV-VIII and IX of the Act, the following hospitals were notified to the Local Health Authority as catering for emergency admissions from the County :—

Penyval Hospital, Abergavenny.
Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.
*Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea.
*Accommodation for Psycho-Geriatric Patients.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 132 of the Mental Health Act, 1959 ,and due to the prevailing shortage of accommodation and the long waiting lists, it will still be necessary for the Welsh Hospital Board to continue to arrange accommodation through its central bed bureau which has been in operation since 1948. Every effort will be made by the officers of the bureau in conjunction with the appropriate staff of the local health authority to find emergency accommodation as necessary.

Ambulance Services.

The ambulance service for mentally-ill patients is the same as set out in Section 27.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practitioners) Regulations, 1960.

The following list comprises the names of all Medical Practitioners approved by the Breconshire County Council in accordance with the Mental Health Act, 1959, and the Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practioners) Regulations, 1960 (Statutory Instrument, 1960, No. 1231): —

Name and Address of Medical Practitioner	Telephone Number	Approval Effective to
AITKEN, C. A. M., Danybryn, Camden Road, Brecon ..	Brecon 2121 ..	31.10.65
BECK, G. H., The Grange, Cefn Coed ..	Merthyr Tydfil 2000 ..	31.10.65
BOLADZ, W., Castle Bank, Ystradgynlais..	Glantawe 3221 ..	31.10.65
CAMERON, D. F., Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells ..	Builth Wells 2207 ..	31.10.65
CHOPRA, S. N., Dunedin House, Brynmawr	Brynmawr 226 ..	31.10.65
COPPOCK., R. L., Iscoed, Camden Road, Brecon ..	Brecon 2244 ..	31.10.65
DAVIES, E., Haulfryn, Abercrave ..	Abercrave 225 ..	31.10 65
DAVIES, V. J., Haulfryn, Abercrave ..	Abercrave 225 ..	31.10.65
DIGGLE, G., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202 ..	31.10.65
EDWARDS, Creighton E., Boleyn House, Ship Street, Brecon ...	Brecon 2867 (Home) ... Brecon 2456/7	31.10.65
EVANS, C. M. S., Health Office, Brecon ..	Brecon 2456 (Office) .. Brecon 2994 (Home) ..	31.10.65 31.10.65

EVANS, J. I., Grosmont, Hirwaun ..	Hirwaun 221 ..	31.10.65
EVANS, R. G., Health Office, Brecon ..	Brecon 2456/7 (Office)	31.10.65
	Brecon 2575 (Home) ..	31.10.65
FARRINGTON, G. W., The Hermitage, Brynmawr ..	Brynmawr 217 ..	31.10.65
FARRINGTON, R. M., Clydach House, Gilwern ..	Gilwern 315 ..	31.10.65
FENN, C. M., Meadow Way, Llanwrtyd Wells ..	Llanwrtyd 257 ..	31.10.65
HAND, B. J., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202 ..	31.10.65
HOUGHTON, H. J., Cecil Lodge, ..		31.10.65
Llandrindod Wells ..	Llandrindod 2095 ..	31.10.65
JONES, J. K., 5, Lon-y-Coed, Brecon ..	Brecon 2456/7 (Office) ..	31.10.65
	Brecon 2925 (Home) ..	31.10.65
JONES, E. W., Brynhelig, Lower Cwmtwrch	Glantawe 2147 ..	31.10.65
KYLE, D., Glasfryn, Alexandra Rd., Brecon ..	Brecon 2121 ..	31.10.65
LONDON, J. M., Greenways, Talgarth ..	Talgarth 309 ..	31.10.65
MELLING, N. E., Wennetune, Sennybridge	Sennybridge 380 ..	31.10.65
MORGAN, J. L., Porthmawr, Crickhowell ..	Crickhowell 255 ..	31.10.65
PRICE, K. J. P., Ruperra House, Brecon ..	Brecon 2244 ..	31.10.65
PUGH, V. T., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells ..	Builth Wells 2207 ..	31.10.65
UNGAR, L., 'San Remo,' The Walk, Merthyr Tydfil ..	Merthyr Tydfil 3630 ..	31.10.65

"Annual Report on the Psychiatric Social Work for Breconshire (1963).

While the work of rehabilitation and after-care has continued to be the main project during the year, the long-stay patients at the Mid-Wales Hospital have also made a claim on the time of the Psychiatric Social Worker. Problems, real or imaginary, concerning family, property, pensions, etc., have been discussed and visits have been made to homes so that re-assurance could be given to allay anxiety.

In order to provide some activity to counteract the sedentary life of hospital, a mixed folk dancing group has been formed. We are grateful to the Breconshire Education Committee for authorising this scheme; to Mrs. P. Mackintosh our voluntary instructress and to Miss N. Probert who supplies the musical accompaniment.

In the field of Community Care, the Health Visitors of the Local Authority and the P.S.W. have combined in visiting 202 patients, all of whom have received treatment either at hospital or Clinic. A very good degree of co-operation exists between the Mid-Wales Hospital and Local Authority Staff: this not only facilitates the work of rehabilitation of the mentally sick, but is sometimes instrumental in bringing to light potential sufferers whose condition can be relieved by social therapy Case conferences held at intervals, ensure co-ordination between

workers and provide sources of reference concerning the care and management of patients. Day Schools have been held each month at the Mid-Wales Hospital: on these study days, Health Visitors attend lectures on medical and social therapy and make contact with in-patients from their respective areas by visits to the wards.

The Breconshire Mentally Handicapped Children's Society has been a source of rewarding interest in the past year. This voluntary body, which comprises of parents and members of the community who are concerned with the needs of subnormal children in the County, have done useful pioneer work. A recreation period has been provided each Saturday at which mentally handicapped children are amused and instructed while their parents are able to do their shopping or have some leisure time alone. We are indebted to the Breconshire Red Cross Society for the free use of their hut for this purpose. Adult members of the society meet at monthly intervals to exchange views, to hear instructive talks and to plan a programme of varied activities. The society aims to serve a useful role in preparing the mentally handicapped children for their admission to the Day Centre which is in the process of being constructed.

Education to the general public to the needs of all forms of mental illness and disability is still an important duty of the Psychiatric Social Worker. Talks to voluntary bodies have been given throughout the year and it has been encouraging to find an increasingly warm response, particularly among young people of the teen-age group.

Analysis of Work for 1963.

No. of admissions to Mid-Wales Hospital (95 persons treated).	... 146
No. of discharges from Mid-Wales Hospital	... 148
No. of persons in community care	... 202
No. of after-care visits	... 498
Visits of kindred Social Work	... 107
No. of new cases treated at Brecon Psychiatric Clinic	... 64
Total No. of attendances at clinic	... 305

Signed GWENDOLINE MORGAN,
Psychiatric Social Worker."

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

I am indebted to the Welfare Department for supplying information of work under the National Assistance Act.

The Welfare Committee of the Council is responsible for the work under this Act.

Section 21 (i) (a)—Homes for the Aged—

Ashburnham House, Talgarth	...	15 beds
Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells	...	15 beds
Cockcroft House, Hay-on-Wye	...	60 beds
Crawshay House, Brynmawr	...	36 beds
The Grove, Ystradgynlais	...	25 beds

Each home can provide accommodation for both male and female residents, and married couples. During the year 35 people have been admitted to Homes for the Aged in the county, and 17 discharged (10 to hospitals for a short period and 7 for long periods). Nineteen residents have died in the Homes. There is one Breconshire person in a Home maintained by a voluntary organisation and one person in accommodation of another authority. Accommodation is provided for 20 persons from other authorities. Two new Homes, one of 45 beds incorporating an annexe of 15 beds for blind persons, and the other of 15 beds are to be erected in the near future at Brecon and Cefn Coed, respectively.

Section 21 (i) (b) Provision of Temporary Accommodation.

Temporary accommodation, for persons who are in urgent need thereof, on account of circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen, is provided at Welfare House, Llangattock.

Section 2 9(i)—Handicapped Persons (General Classes).

Under this section of the Act, a scheme for handicapped persons has been adopted. There are 93 people registered under the scheme. There are 9 handicapped persons in accommodation provided, on behalf of the County Council, by voluntary organisations, e.g., Cheshire Homes, etc.

The Council also assist many other registered handicapped persons, e.g., with holidays, adaptations in the home, special aids, etc. The Council has also entered into an agreement with the Cambrian Factory, Llanwrtyd Wells, whereby the factory take registered disabled non ex-servicemen for training and subsequent employment under sheltered conditions—8 persons are so assisted. Also disabled drivers may apply to the Council under a newly established scheme for car badges which will assist them with parking.

Section 31—Contributions to Old People's Organisations.

The Council may make contributions to Old People's Welfare Oranisations upon application, and during the year under review, 10 grants were made

Section 48—Temporary Protection of Property—

The Council may, where no other suitable arrangements have been or are being made for the temporary protection of property of persons admitted to Hospitals, etc., arrange for such property to be protected and take reasonable steps to prevent or mitigate the loss or damage thereof.

Application.

Application for the above services should be made to the County Welfare Department, Council Chamber Building, Glamorgan Street, Brecon (Tel. Brecon 2311).

Section 29—Welfare of the Blind and Partially-Sighted.

A Welfare Officer and qualified Home Teacher of the Blind are employed to carry out the Scheme. Anyone appearing to be suffering from seriously defective vision is visited and, where necessary, an examination by an Ophthalmic Surgeon is then arranged with a view to certification and registration on the appropriate register. Usually, these examinations are arranged in the nearest consulting rooms or clinics, but, when a person is housebound, a domiciliary visit is arranged.

During the year the Ophthalmic Surgeons examined and completed Forms B.D 8 in respect of 105 persons, certifying them as follows:—

	Blind	P.S.	Neither	Re-Exams	Total
Mr. G. W. Hoare ...	8	11	5	51	75
Mr. F. G. Hibbert ...	2	1	6	1	10
Mr. Roy Thomas ...	3	3	0	1	7
Mr. F. H. T. MacFetridge ...	2	0	1	1	4
Mr. G. Vine-Cole ...	2	0	0	7	9
	17	15	12	61	105

There was a decrease in the number of new registrations during the year, but a very marked increase in the number of re-examinations.

The 61 re-examinations resulted in the following changes of category:

11 blind persons became partially-sighted.
6 blind persons were de-certified altogether.
14 partially-sighted persons were de-certified.
8 partially-sighted persons became blind.

There were 14 Domiciliary visits during the year.

The Register of Blind and Partially-Sighted Persons at 31-12-63.

Blind.	Age Groups.					
	0-15	16-20	21-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male ...	3	1	9	11	51	75
Female ...	1	0	7	12	76	96
Total ...	4	1	16	23	127	171
Partially-Sighted.						
Male ...	1	1	4	7	27	40
Female ...	3	1	5	10	63	82
Total ...	4	2	9	17	90	122

The Ophthalmic Surgeon responsible for the greater portion of the County has been allocated an increased number of hospital beds and, as a result, the waiting period for patients has been reduced. Thus a larger number of successful cataract operations has been carried out. This is reflected in the decreasing numbers of persons registered blind and partially-sighted. The main causes continue to be cataracts and senility.

Section 29—Welfare of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

An increasing number of deaf and hard of hearing people have been visited and assisted during the year. Two weekly hearing-aid Clinics are now held in the County—one in the Ystradgynlais Clinic and one in the Brecon War Memorial Hospital where a trained technician attends to supplies and repairs. There is now no shortage of hearing aids.

The Register of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons at 31-12-1963.

	Males	Females	Total
Deaf without speech ...	8	6	14
Deaf with Speech (Hearing Aids no use) ...	8	11	19
Hard of Hearing ...	88	145	233
Total	104	162	266

Social Centres and parties are held in various parts of the County and Outings arranged to which all handicapped persons are invited. Instruction in reading Braille and Moon and handicrafts is given in homes and at the Centres.

Welfare Officers and Mental Welfare Officers in the County.—

1	*Brynmawr, Llanelly Hill and Crickhowell.	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Offices, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr.
2.	Vaynor and Penderyn.	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed.
3.	Ystradgynlais.	Mr. W. T. Davies, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.
4	*Brecknock and Defynnog.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, The Watton, Brecon.
5	*Hay, Talgarth and Builth.	Mr W. B. Hargest, Mason's Arms, Talgarth.

*Whole-time Officers.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Smallpox Hospitals. — Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready to receive the patient. In emergencies, where the consultants are not immediately available, a telephone call should be put through to the City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 21466), giving details to a responsible officer, The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under Section 27 of the N.H. Service Act, 1946.

Examinations of Staffs—The Medical Staff of the County Health Department undertake, often at short notice, the examination of candidates for various County and Education appointments.

The Education Committee has directed that all candidates be examined and X-rayed on appointment. This is to include all persons already on the staff who are appointed to new posts.

The cost of X-ray Examination is borne by the Local Health Authority under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the exception of any X-Rays of Training College Candidates, in which case the cost is paid by the Ministry of Education.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 31.

Biological Sampling of Milk.

During the calendar year, 1963, a total of 305 samples of milk were taken from schools, producer-retailers and pasteurisation plants, for bacteriological and/or biological examination by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

These samples were taken as follows:

Schools	...	145
Producer-Retailers, etc.	...	138
Pasteurisation Plants	...	22

Seven samples of Tuberculin Tested milk gave positive reactions to the Brucella Ring Test, four being confirmed by animal inoculation examination. The normal precautions of informing the District Medical Officers were carried out.

Child Guidance Clinics.

The Breconshire Education Committee has approved the setting up of child guidance clinics and for this purpose they have appointed a full-time Speech Therapist and an Educational Psychologist.

Dr. G. Diggle, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mid-Wales Hospital Talgarth, and Miss Gwen Morgan, Psychiatric Social Worker, also of Talgarth Hospital, have kindly agreed to take part in the scheme when this can be put into operation. Dr. Diggle has agreed to give one session per fortnight for this work. The Medical Staff of the Health Department of the Breconshire County Council will also be included in this Child Guidance Team, as will also, the various Health Visitors in the County.

It was anticipated that the appointment of the Education Psychologist and the Speech Therapist would have co-incided with the erection of new clinic premises in Brecon. Provision for adequate facilities for this work was planned but unfortunately delay has been experienced with the project.

In the meantime advantage is being taken of existing Child Guidance Clinics at Merthyr Tydfil, Hereford, and at Morriston Hospital.

As mentioned in a previous report, when this service has been brought into operation it will cater for the School Age Child, and the Pre-School Age Child. The Child Guidance team will be in close touch with all medical and nursing staff of child welfare clinics and will be able to advise on emotional development and behaviour difficulties which they encounter in their contacts with mothers and young children.

Table I.—Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1963.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Population estimated to the middle of the year	Births				Nett Deaths belonging to the District.										Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and † Still Births
		Live Births		Still Births		At all ages		Infants under 1 wk of age		Under 4 weeks of age		Under 1 year of age		Maternal		
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate *	Number	Rate	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Childbirth, Abortion Pregnancy,	Rate per 1,000 Births	
Brecon Urban ...	5800	79	13·60	1	12·50	92	15·86	1	12·65	1	12·65	1	12·65	...	...	25·00
Brynmawr Urban ...	6400	110	17·18	9	75·63	89	13·90	2	18·18	2	18·18	5	45·45	...	...	33·61
Builth Wells Urban ...	1560	33	21·15	...	...	27	17·30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hay Urban ...	1320	18	13·63	...	...	36	27·27	...	...	1	55·55	1	55·55	..	...	...
LlanwrtydWells Urban...	500	...	...	...	...	10	20·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brecon Rural ...	6950	129	18·56	1	7·69	112	16·11	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	7·69
Builth Rural ...	3240	54	16·66	...	...	47	14·50	1	18·51	1	18·51	3	55·55	...	...	18·51
Crickhowell Rural ...	7680	145	18·88	4	26·84	94	12·23	4	27·58	4	27·58	5	34·48	...	...	5·36
Hay Rural ...	3670	58	15·80	2	33·33	52	14·16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33·33
Vaynor & Pend'yn Rural	6370	109	17·11	2	18·01	97	15·22	...	...	...	...	1	9·17	...	...	18·01
Ystradgynlais Rural ...	10.900	171	15·68	2	11·17	153	14·03	2	11·69	3	17·54	5	29·23	...	...	22·34
Brecon County ...	54390	906	16·65	21	22·65	809	14·87	10	11·03	12	13·24	21	23.17	.	...	33·44
England and Wales ...	...	...	18·2	...	17·2	...	12·2	...	29.3	...	14·2	...	21·1	...	0·35	...
Brecon County, 1962	54460	828	15·20	19	17.3	784	12·2	14	16·90	15	18·11	24	28·98	...	...	38·96

*The rate for Still Births is the rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

† The rate for Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births.

Table II.—Vital Statistics.

Causes and Ages at Death during year 1963.

WHOLE COUNTY.

CAUSES OF DEATH	All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1 to 4 years	5 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 and over
ALL CAUSES—Males ..	420	5	3	2	2	3	5	7	30	85	122	156
Females ..	389	7	6	1	..	..	3	4	22	47	93	206
Totals ..	809	12	9	3	2	3	8	11	52	132	215	362
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
2. Tuberculosis, Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Syphilitic, Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Meningococcal Infections ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 Acute Poliomyelitis ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	2	9
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus ..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	10	4
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..	12	.	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	2	4
13. Maglignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	6
14. Other Maglignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ..	58	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	13	20	17
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
16. Diabetes ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	142	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	5	19	54	64
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ..	124	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	28	46	42
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	10
20. Other Heart Diseases ..	143	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	5	29	104
21. Other Circulatory Disease ..	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	5	40
22. Influenza ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
23. Pneumonia ..	22	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	4	7
24. Bronchitis ..	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	11	13	15
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	3	4
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31. Congenital Malformations ..	6	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ..	54	8	2	1	1	..	1	1	3	9	6	22
33. Motor Vehicles Accidents ..	9	..	..		..	2	1	1	2	2	1	..
34. All Other Accidents ..	14	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	4	2	3
35. Suicide ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
36. Homicide and Operations of War	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..

Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Deaths in the Separate Districts of the County during the year 1963.

CAUSES OF DEATH	URBAN					RURAL						TOTAL
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn	Ystradgynlais	
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	4
2. Tuberculosis, Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Syphilitic, Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Whooping Cough ..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Meningococcal Infections ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	5	18
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus .	2	4	1	2	..	..	2	4	..	2	5	22
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	12
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	3	10
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ..	4	7	1	2	..	8	4	6	5	9	12	58
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3
16. Diabetes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	21	13	..	4	3	21	7	18	6	19	30	142
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ..	16	12	9	2	..	16	3	17	7	19	23	124
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	5	2	..	1	1	8	..	1	2	1	1	22
20. Other Heart Diseases ..	20	13	10	12	1	23	15	12	14	14	9	143
21. Other Circulatory Diseases ...	4	6	2	3	1	5	3	3	7	6	13	53
22. Influenza ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	4
23. Pneumonia ..	1	4	..	1	..	4	2	4	1	1	4	22
24. Bronchitis ..	6	9	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	6	15	43
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	8	16
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	7
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	6
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	8
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31. Congenital Malformations ..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	6
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ..	3	7	..	4	..	4	3	12	2	7	12	54
33. Motor Vehicles Accidents ..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	1	1	2	9
34. All Other Accidents ..	1	..	1	..	..	3	1	3	1	3	1	14
35. Suicide ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3
36. Homicide and Operations of War	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	92	89	27	36	10	112	47	94	52	97	153	809
Total 1962 ..	94	95	34	20	11	96	41	98	74	72	149	784

Table IV.—Notifiable Diseases, 1963.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Food Poisoning	Pneumonia	Acute Polio-my'litis		Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Measles	Infective Encephalitis	Whooping Cough	Tuber-culosis		Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Para Typhoid	TOTALS
						Paralytic	Non-Paralytic							Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary				
Brecon Urban ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	76
Brynmawr Urban ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	99	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	103
Builth Wells Urban ..	..	..	.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4
Hay Urban ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban ..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Brecon Rural ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	145
Builth Rural ..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Hay Rural ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Crickhowell Rural ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	3	1	3	..	..	..	46
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural ..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	9
Ystradgynlais Rural ..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	2	..	1	4	..	..	..	45
Totals ..	..	10	..	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	393	2	3	4	13	1	1	1	437
Totals, 1962 ..	..	.	..	9	3	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	..	4	18	..	..	1	48

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January, 1963, to 31st December, 1963.

	Notification on Form A.													
	Number of Primary Notifications.													
Age Periods ..	0 — 1	1 — 2	2 — 5	5 — 10	10 — 15	15 — 20	20 — 25	25 — 35	35 — 45	45 — 55	55 — 65	65 — 75	75 and upwards	(Total—All Ages)
Respiratory—Males ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	.	2	1	9
„ Females ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	6
Non-Respiratory—Males ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Females ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Totals ..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	3	..	4	3	4	1	19

Table VI.—Showing the work of the Health Visitors during the year 1963.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VISITS PAID											TOTALS
	Pre Natal Visits		Visits to Children under 1		Visits to Children 1-2		Visits to Children 2-5		Visits to T.B. Households	Others	First Visits Paid to Households during the Year	
	First Visits	Total Visits	First	Total	First	Total	First	Total				
Brecon Urban ..	5	9	75	313	45	407	41	356	62	61	104	1478
Brynmawr Urban ..	15	22	179	423	15	94	20	151	91	185	116	1311
Builth Urban ..	1	13	46	148	23	196	28	286	63	161	118	1083
Hay Urban and Rural (Part) ..	2	2	135	530	109	562	111	598	229	85	303	2666
Llanwrtyd Urban and Builth Rural (Part) ..	10	33	31	237	20	383	88	562	59	133	129	1685
Brecon Urban and Crickhowell Rural (Part) ..	8	30	119	770	74	585	131	795	84	599	270	3465
Brecon Urban, Brecon Rural (Defynnog, etc.) ..	2	4	47	236	12	187	9	258	38	79	43	915
Builth Rural and Hay Rural (Erwood & Llyswen)	3	18	13	73	12	140	41	274	5	62	38	679
Builth Rural (Llanwrthwl) ..	1	8	1	42	2	49	13	109	..	253	24	502
Builth Rural (Llysdinam, etc.) ..	2	2	2	8	3	11	7	32	..	21	17	105
Crickhowell Rural (Clydach and Gilwern) ..	..	..	75	332	91	395	91	380	36	39	121	1560
Crickhowell Rural (Darenfelen) ..	7	23	7	58	1	44	37	37	8	50	11	283
Brecon Rural (Part) ..	..	..	19	86	5	34	13	33	..	34	8	232
Vaynor and Penderyn (Rural) ..	3	3	132	366	150	288	317	490	81	45	702	2577
Ystradgynlais Rural (Part) ..	..	..	93	273	54	158	35	108	133	343	249	1446
Ystradgynlais Rural (Abercrave) and Ystradgynlais Rural (Colbren) ..	..	..	105	361	43	231	73	444	92	426	186	1961
TOTALS ..	59	167	1079	4256	659	3764	1055	4913	981	2576	2439	21948

Table VII.—Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, under Section 22, of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

1963

(a) Numbers provided with Dental Care :—

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	56	51	25
Children under Five ...	47	29	14

(b) Forms of Dental Treatment Provided :—

	Scalings and Gum Treatment	Fillings	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Crowns or Inlays	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Dentures Provided		Radiographs
							Full Upper or Lower	Partial Upper or Lower	
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	12	22	...	...	172	4	12	9	...
Children under Five	...	17	...	...	48	10	...	...	...

Table VIII.—Analysis of Premature Births (Live and Still) belonging to the County, 1963.

Premature babies born during the year (whose mothers normally reside in the area) including babies born in maternity homes and hospitals in or outside the County.

WEIGHT AT BIRTH	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS.												Premature Still Births	
	Born in Hospital				Born at Home or in a Nursing Home									
					Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home				Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day					
		Died				Died				Died			Born	
	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	Total Births	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days	In hospital	At home or in a Nurings Home
2lb. 3oz. or less ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Over 2lb. 3oz. up to and including 3lb. 4oz. ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	1
Over 3lb. 4oz. up to and including 4lb. 6oz. ...	10	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Over 4lb. 6oz. up to and including 4lb. 15oz, ...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
Over 4lb. 15oz. up to and including 5lb. 8oz. ...	27	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
TOTAL ...	46	3	1	...	8	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	16	1

Table IX—Telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County.

Ambulance Areas.	1st Call (a)	Alternative Calls. (b)	(c)
(a) Brecon and District.—Including Sennybridge, Cray, Trallong, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Defynock, Llanspyddid, Talybont, Llanfrynach, Llechfaen, Llanhamlach, Merthyr Cynog, Llandefaelog, Llanddew, Battle, Aberyscir, Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llanfillo, etc.	Brecon 2610 ..	Bwlch 289 ..	Hay 19
(b) Builth and District.—Including, Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llanafan, Garth, Abergwessin, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llangammarch Wells, etc. ..	**Builth 3147** ..	Llandrindod 2232 ..	Hay 19
(c) Crickhowell and District.—Including, Bwlch, Llangynidr, Cwmdu, Gilwern, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangattock, etc. ..	Bwlch 289 ..	Brecon 2610 ..	Brynmawr 238
(d) Hay and Talgarth.—Including, Llanigon, Velindre, Tregoyd, Llandefalle, Bronllys, Pipton, etc.	Hay 19 ..	Brecon 2610 ..	Hereford 4451 or Bwlch 289 ..
(e) Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Penrhos, Cwmtwrch, etc. ..	Glantawe 2113 ..	Gorseinon 359 ..	Brecon 2610 ..
(f) Brynmawr, Clydach, Darenfelen, and Llanelly Hill, etc.	Brynmawr 238 ..	Bwlch 289 ..	Caerleon 283
(g) Cefn Coed, Vaynor and Pontsticill ..	Merthyr 3715 during Office hours only—9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. & 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Mondays to Fridays), and 9 a.m. to 12 noon (Saturdays).	Merthyr 2855 ..	
(h) Hirwaun, Penderyn and Ystradfellte ..	Pontypridd 3166 ..	—	—
(i) Pontneathvaughan ..	Neath 2213 ..	—	—
(j) Carmarthen ..	Carmarthen 6666 ..	between 7.30 a.m. & 11.30 p.m. At other times dial 999 and ask for Ambulance.	
(k) Llandrindod ..	Llandrindod 2232 ..	Rhayader 76 ..	

N.B.—These telephone numbers are not necessarily those exhibited in Post Office Telephone Exchanges for Emergency Calls, and all persons making emergency calls are advised to carry out the instructions in Kiosks and Telephone Directories.

Table X.—Chiropody Service.

A. Details of Patients treated and number of attendances made at the individual Clinics between 1st January, 1963, and the 31st December, 1963.

CLINICS	Half-day Sessions	Patients				Attendances			
		Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others	Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others
Brecon ..	61	144	10	..	4	404	16	..	11
Brynmawr ..	9	40	..	..	..	80	..	..	..
Ystradgynlais ..	29	72	4	..	..	238	8	..	..
Abercrave ..	22	45	..	..	..	166	..	..	..
Hay ..	28	66	..	..	..	256	..	..	..
Crickhowell ..	23	87	1	..	..	195	1	..	..
Cefn Coed ..	27	71	1	..	..	163	1	..	..
Builth Wells ..	40	67	2	..	.	232	7	..	..
Gilwern ..	13	12	..	..	..	91	..	..	..
Colbren ..	4	15	..	..	..	21	..	..	..
Cwmtwrch ..	12	47	..	..	..	96	..	..	..
Totals ..	268	666	18	..	4	1942	33	..	11

B. Details of Domiciliary Visits:—

District		Number of Patients	Number of Visits
URBAN			
Brecon	..	1	1
Brynmawr	..	3	3
Builth Wells	..	—	—
Hay-on-Wye	..	4	12
Llanwrtyd Wells	..	—	—
RURAL			
Brecon	..	6	9
Builth	..	—	—
Crickhowell	..	—	—
Hay	..	2	8
Vaynor and Penderyn	..	1	2
Ystradgynlais	..	47	155
Totals	..	64	190

C. Average number of domiciliary visits made to a case: 2.97.

Table XI—

BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mental Welfare Officers

List of Mental Welfare Officers set out in districts showing the first officer to be contacted when required in that district. If unsuccessful in contacting the first officer, calls can then be made upon the second named officer, or the Public Health Department, at Brecon 2456/7.

District	Officers responsible for Area.	Second Officer to be contacted.	Third Officer to be contacted.
Brecon and Sennybridge Areas.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).	Mr. W. B. Hargest, Fair View, Hay Road, Talgarth Tele.: Talgarth 278 (Home)	Mr. R. I. Jones, c/o Public Health Department, Watton Offices, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2456/7 during Office hours, or at other times Llangorse 287 (Home)
Hay, Talgarth and Builth Areas.	Mr. W. B. Hargest, Fair View, Hay Road, Talgarth Tele.: Talgarth 278 (Home)	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).	
Cefn Coed, Hirwaun and Penderyn Areas.	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home Gilwern 450).	
Pontneathvaughan.	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	Mr. W. T. Davies, c/o Peglers Buildings, Station Road, Ystradgynlais Tele.: Glantawe 3104.	
Brynmawr and Darenfelen.	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home Gilwern 450)).	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	
Gilwern, Clydach and Crickhowell.	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home Gilwern 450).	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).	
Ystradgynlais.	Mr. W. T. Davies, c/o Peglers Buildings, Station Road, Ystradgynlais	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 2040 (Home).	

TABLE XII

	Mentally Ill				Psychopath				Subnormal				Severely Subnormal				Totals				
	Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Grand Total
Section A.																					
Number of patients under L.H.A. care at 31.12.63	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
(a) Attending day training centre ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	3	1	3	0	7
Awaiting entry thereto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	3	3	2	5	3	6	7	6	22
(b) Receiving home visits	0	0	52	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	12	1	2	12	15	1	2	79	164	246
(c) Resident in Residential Training Centres ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
(d) Number of patients in (a) to (c) ...	0	0	52	137	0	0	0	0	0	3	21	13	8	6	16	20	8	9	89	170	276
Number of patients in LHA area on waiting list for admission to hospital at 31 12 63																					
(a) In urgent need of hospital care ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3
Number of admissions for temporary residential care (e.g. to relieve the family) during 1963 ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Section B.																					
Referred by—																					
Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient treatment	0	0	6	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	10	19	41
Local Education Authorities ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Other sources ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3

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